

Sermon: "Christ's Sufficiency for Our Deficiency"

Text: Colossians 1:1-2 (page 983 in pew Bible)

“To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae..”



A tale of three cities (Colossae, Laodicea, Hierapolis)

A tale of two “religions”
Judaism and paganism

A tale of two... (or three....or maybe four...) heresies
Pagan higher wisdom mysticism as the way to know God
Jewish law observance as the way to be saved by God
Angelic beings worshipped as mediators to God

I. Serving by the will of God

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God..” verse 1

- A. Paul’s apostolic authority
- B. Paul’s apostolic appointment (“by the will of God”)

II. Sanctified for the glory of God

“To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae...” verse 2

The “saints” (literally “holy ones”; set apart)

III. Saved by the grace of God

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father.” Verse 2