

Colossians 1:1-2

- 1) Meet Saul of Tarsus, aka, Paul
 - a) Prior to Christ: trained theologian; Christ-hater (Acts 9:1-2; 22:3-5; 26:4-5, 9-11)
 - b) Upon meeting Christ: unable to resist (Acts 9:8-9, 17-18; 22:6-13; 26:12-18)
 - c) Post salvation life:
 - i) Appointed by God as an apostle of Christ
 - ii) A suffering servant of Christ (Acts 9:15-16; 22:14-16; 26:19-23)
- 2) Meet Timothy
 - a) Young man with saintly mother & grandmother
 - b) Converted by Paul in Lystra (Acts 14:8-23)
 - c) Well-thought of (Acts 16:2)
 - d) Lifelong servant of Christ; faithful friend to Paul
- 3) Introduction of Epistle to the Colossians
 - a) City in Asia Minor (modern Turkey)
 - b) Church begun by Epaphras, a disciple of Paul
 - c) Paul writing from prison in Rome
 - d) To encourage avoiding the heresies of paganism
- 4) What could be said of you and your conversion?