

Soaring Oaks Presbyterian Church: Adult Bible Study Questions for 12/10/2006
Colossians 1:1-14

- 1. Read Colossians 1:1-2. Who were the senders of this letter and to whom did they send it? If you have access to Bible maps, find the city of Colosse. Take a quick look at the way Paul opens his other letters to churches; do you think that the “saints” and the “faithful brothers” at Colosse indicate different people or the same people?**

- 2. Read Colossians 1:3-8: Paul gives thanks for the fruit of gospel ministry in Colosse.**
 - (a) To whom does Paul give the glory for the establishment and growth of faith among the colossians?**

 - (b) In verses 4-5, what three things characterized the Colossians now that were not theirs before the gospel came to them?**

 - (c) When ministers of the gospel came to Colosse (or anywhere else) , what had to happen before the truth of the gospel began to benefit the people?**

 - (d) Who brought the gospel to Colosse, and how does Paul describe him?**

- 3. Read Colossians 1:9-12: Paul shares his prayers to God on behalf of the Colossians.**
 - (a) For each verse, summarize the blessings for which Paul prays.**

 - (b) Although we all need every one of the blessings described in these verses, which verse speaks most strongly to you today? Why? How would you apply the blessings noted there in your life today?**

- 4. Read Colossians 1:12-14**
 - (a) What three things does Paul say have happened to the Colossians – to all believers?**

 - (b) Ponder these verses for at least five minutes (it may seem like a long time), then describe your role and God’s role in making these things true of you.**