

The Letter of Paul to the Colossians

**Written in A.D. 60-62
from prison in Rome
Colossian, Ephesian, Philemon
letters written at same time
Delivered by Tychicus**

The Colossian Believers

In A.D. 57 Paul was teaching in Ephesus for two years

Epaphras, a Colossian, heard the Gospel in Ephesus

The Colossians came to faith thru Epaphras' witness
(4-5 years before this letter)

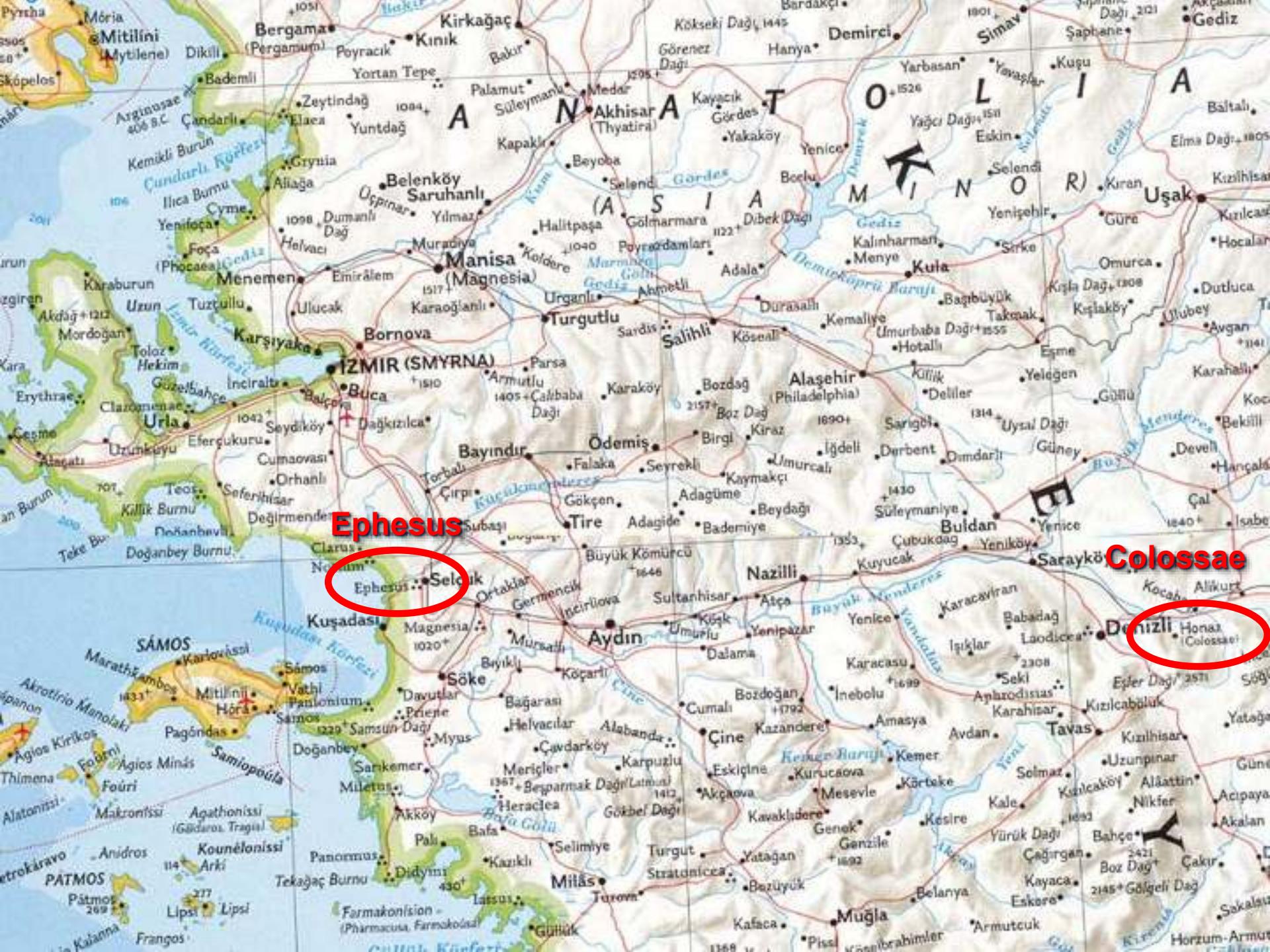
A.D. 57

**(Paul) took away the disciples,
reasoning daily in the school of
Tyrannus. This took place for
two years, so that all who lived
in Asia heard the word of the
Lord, both Jews and Greeks.**

Acts 19:9-10



Turkey and Mediterranean Sea



Ephesus

Colossae





Our Father's Work of Grace

Colossians 1:1-12

**Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ
by the will of God,
and Timothy our brother,**
Colossians 1:1

To the saints and
faithful brethren in Christ
who are at Colossae:
Grace to you and
peace from God our Father
Colossians 1:2

We give thanks to God, the Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
praying always for you,
since we heard of your faith
in Christ Jesus and the love
which you have for all the saints;

Colossians 1:3-4

**because of the hope laid up
for you in heaven, of which
you previously heard in the
word of truth, the gospel
which has come to you,**

Colossians 1:5-6

**just as in all the world also it is
constantly bearing fruit and
increasing, even as it has been
doing in you also since the day
you heard of it and understood
the grace of God in truth;**

Colossians 1:6

**just as you learned it from
Epaphras, our beloved fellow
bond-servant, who is a faithful
servant of Christ on our behalf,
and he also informed us of
your love in the Spirit**

Colossians 1:7-8

**For this reason also,
since the day we heard of it,
we have not ceased to pray for you
and to ask that you may be
filled with the knowledge
of His will in all spiritual
wisdom and understanding,**
Colossians 1:9

so that you will walk
in a manner worthy of the Lord,
to please Him in all respects,
bearing fruit in every good work
and increasing
in the knowledge of God;
Colossians 1:10a

**strengthened with all power,
according to His glorious might,
for the attaining of all
steadfastness and patience;**

Colossians 1:11

**joyously giving thanks
to the Father
who has qualified us
to share in the inheritance
of the saints in Light.**

Colossians 1:12

To the saints and
faithful brethren in Christ
who are at **Norwalk** :
Grace to you and
peace from God our Father
Colossians 1:2

The word of truth, the gospel,
which has come to you . . . is
constantly bearing fruit and
increasing, even as it has been
doing in you also since the day
you heard of it and understood
the grace of God in truth;

Colossians 1:5-6

Paul's prayer . . .

You may be filled
with the knowledge of His will
in all spiritual
wisdom and understanding,
so that you will walk
in a manner worthy of the Lord,
Colossians 1:9-10

Walking in a worthy manner

- 1) Pleasing the Lord in everything**
- 2) Bearing fruit in every good work**
- 3) Increasing in knowledge of God**
- 4) Strengthened with all power**
- 5) Attaining steadfastness**
- 6) Attaining patience**
- 7) Joyously giving thanks**

**joyously giving thanks
to the Father
who has qualified us
to share in the inheritance
of the saints in Light.**

Colossians 1:12