

Grace Bible Chapel
Grace Women's Study – Lesson 4
Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Colossians 1:12-14
“Staying Properly Focused”

Key Theme Verses: Colossians 1:15-18 “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: for by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also the head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Context and Overview: After the warm greeting, emphasizing prayer for their growth and increasing spiritual enlightenment, Paul continues his discourse to this new church on key elements for the individual and the church to stay on God's track. He begins with an important succinct summary of the Christian's proper attitude in their walk. Walk in Scripture is a reference to living out life in accordance with a right relationship with God, and living according to His will. He unfolds God's will for their focus, and therefore for us, to emphasize that a right focus is essential because of where we are, in a fallen world of problems and challenges, and who we are as the blessed recipients of redemption in Christ. These first two chapters emphasize the supremacy of Jesus Christ. As part of this supremacy, Paul encourages all in Christ to maintain their focus upon Him in all of life's journey. In the next paragraph (verses 15-20), Paul will write of the incomprehensible glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Here, leading up to that, he tells us to walk in gratitude and with a particular constant reminder and view of Christ's cross. Nothing has greater impact on our stability to live as successful lights in the world than to have joy in Christ, knowing we are redeemed by His blood. We therefore should consistently keep our focus foundationally upon Him. We have called this brief study, **“Staying Properly Focused.”**

Introduction:

• **Walk in Gratitude:**

Colossians 1:11 – 12 – “Strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all perseverance and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”

- **Walk with a View of the Cross:**

Colossians 1:13-14 “For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins”

CONCLUSION:
