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Study Questions
Complete in Christ
A Seat at the Table for You
Colossians 1:1-8
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Opening Discussion

1. Do you think most Christians are truly satisfied by their relationship with Christ or are they still seeking something more? Explain your answer.
2. Do you believe Jesus is sufficient for your every need? Why or why not? What does the sufficiency of Christ look like in everyday life?
3. Do most of us Christians give evidence of truly believing what we say we believe, or does there seem to be a gap between what we say we believe and how we live?

Bible Study

1. Read Colossians 1:1,2. What is the tension created by living “in Christ...at Colossae?”

In what ways do we feel this tension every day?
2. Why is an understanding of grace necessary to truly experience peace?
3. Read Colossians 1:3-8. Paul is thankful for the faith, love and hope evident in the lives of the believers in Colossae. Define what is meant by each of these three terms.
4. In what way does our love for all the saints spring out of our hope (knowing we have a seat at the table reserved in heaven for us)? In other words, what is the relationship between hope and how we live?
5. What is the gospel?

Do we tend to focus on the gospel as good news or bad news? If it's good news why do we hesitate to share it?

What is the result of believing the gospel of truth according to verse 6?

6. According to Colossians 1:6, what is the most effective strategy for evangelism?

Are people more likely to believe based on the presentation of the truth or the living out of the truth?

Who does Paul identify as a model of grace-living to the Colossians? In what ways?

Application

1. According to this text, what will be necessary for you to be an effective witness for Jesus?

What should be our number one focus to equip us for reaching others?

2. List five practical ramifications of truly believing that there is a seat at the table reserved in heaven for you?

3. What one thing from this text do you really need to remember and believe this week?

How would believing this truth affect your experiences this week?