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**9/11 Good News**

Colossians 1:1-8

*“Politics is downstream of the culture; it is the culture that is really the driving force in American life.”*

(Andrew Breitbart)

Paul centres this letter (and so will we) on this powerful core reality... “*in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.”* (2:9)

Shore up some parts of us that have and are taking a beating with a high-octane spiritual infusion of truth...

* If you are not fully convinced of the truth and what is true,
* If you don’t hold uncomfortable theology to be sound truth,
* If you are tentative and shaky,
* When days are difficult,

**Who are you? Says who? What do we have?** (1:1-2)

**How our thanksgiving can serve to swamp the onslaught of the surrounding culture...** (1:3-8)

For the hope of the truth of eternal life we heard about, the gospel, now evidenced in our lives...

* Faith in Christ Jesus
* Love for all the saints

For the glorious results of the gospel

* Reach—all over world
* Life-transforming work—bearing fruit and growing

For the one from whom you learned the truth

* Heard
* Understood *God’s gift of the truth about the universe and how eternity operates*