



Colossians 1:1-8
Faith-Love-Hope

Col. 2:6 Therefore *as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,*
7 *having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established*
in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

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

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

3 We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Paul's letters



show a team of disciples living in love

with **The King** & **one another**.

Col. 1:4 since we heard of your **faith in Christ Jesus** and the **love which you have for all the saints**;

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

6a which has come to you, just as **in all the world** also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing,

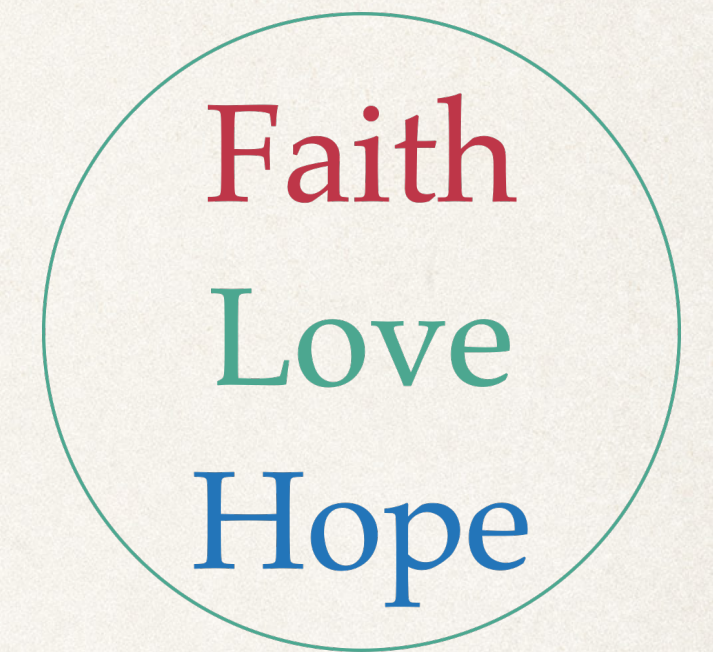
6b even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth;

7 just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf,

8 and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit.

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- Paul's close relationship with Epaphras and Epaphras' close relationship with the Colossians is instrumental in the apostle writing this letter of instruction to the church.
- Epaphras is a disciplemaker, a beloved fellow bond-servant, faithful servant and informer.

Col. 1:5 because of the **hope** laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the **gospel**...

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Faith

Love

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- By God's grace, they heard the gospel. Epaphras offered hope.
- By grace through faith, they responded in initial surrender.
- By grace through faith, the gospel continued to work in them in on-going surrendering.

Col. 1:6b which has come to you, just as **in all the world** also
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- The chiastic structure points to the heart of the first part of the prayer of thanksgiving how the gospel has spread throughout the world.
- Epaphras >> Local Church >> Colossae >> The World

Church Covenant (intro): Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully enter into our covenant with each other. (Ephesians 2:8-10; Matthew 28:18-20)

C. We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and further, we will be a house of prayer for all the nations and faithfully pray for one another, as well as for those not yet a part of the Body of Christ. (Hebrews 10:25; Mark 11:17; James 5:16; Matthew 9:38)

1 Thessalonians 1:4

Brethren beloved by God...

Philippians 1:27

...**striving together** for the faith of the gospel.

Living Sent

Joined Together

In Christ & Under The Word



Faith

Love

Hope

A team of disciples who group together.