

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

EVENING MESSAGE

“Thank God for the Gospel”

Colossians 1:3-8

- I. THE RESULT OF THE GOSPEL (vv.3-5)
 - A. He had heard of their faith (v.4a)
 - 1. “Faith” translates the Greek word (pistis) that means to be convinced or persuaded that something is true
 - B. He had heard of their love (v.4b)
 - 1. “Love” translates the Greek word (agape) that means sacrificial love
 - C. He had heard of their hope (v.5)
 - 1. “Hope” translates the Greek word (elpis) that means a confident expectation
- II. THE REACH OF THE GOSPEL (vv.6a,7-8)
 - A. The gospel is personal – “Which is come unto you”
 - 1. The means of getting the gospel to Colosse was Epaphras
 - a. Verse 7, “As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ”
 - B. The gospel is universal – “as it is in all the world”
 - 1. The goal is to take the message of the gospel everywhere
 - a. Revelation 7:9-10, “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb”
 - C. The gospel is fruitful – “and bringeth forth fruit, as it does in you”
- III. THE ROOT OF THE GOSPEL (v.6b)
 - A. The root of the gospel is grace
 - 1. “Grace” translates the Greek word (charis) that means the unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor of God