

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- Hebrews 9:15 - 1 Peter 1:3-5 LifeGroup Questions September 25, 2022 Colossians 1:1-8

1) Read Colossians 1:3-4; Ephesians 1:15-16; Philippians 1:3-5; 1 Corinthians 1:4; Romans 1:8; and 1 Thess. 1:2-3 Thankfulness for people is a mark of Paul's ministry and it comes out in his greetings. If Paul were to write a letter to First Baptist Church, what do you think he might list as reasons he is thankful for us?
2) Read Acts 19:8-10 In this description of Paul's ministry in Ephesus it is likely that people in Colossae would have been impacted (as suggested in verse 10, "all the residents of Asia"). What group of people would Paul have shifted to engage as he was "reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus" (v. 9)?
3) What words does Paul use in Colossians 1:5-6 to describe the action of the Gospel?
Why do you think Paul mentioned the global impact of the Gospel?
<ul> <li>4) In Colossians 1:5 Paul mentions the "hope laid up for you in heaven." After reading the passages below, what do you see as common in the descriptions of this biblical "hope" and "inheritance"?</li> <li>- Matthew 25:34</li> </ul>
- Ephesians 1:11-14 - Colossians 1:12
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5) Paul noticed spiritual "fruit" (v. 5) growing in the Colossians since they had received the word of truth, the Gospel. What characteristic specifically does Paul mention as fruit in the Colossian church from Colossians 1:7-8?

What are some practical ways do, or could, live out that characteristic?