

SERMON OUTLINE

SERMON TITLE: Growing in Grace

PASSAGE: Colossians 1:3-8

DATE: June 14, 2020

"The Tree of the Christian Life"

- I. The Sweet Aroma: Thanksgiving (vs.3)
 - "A Christian with eyes open to the work of God possesses a heart primed for the praise of God...More reasons exist to give thanks for God's work than there are reasons to grumble about their failings."
- Dustin Crowe, *Finding Satisfaction in Christ*

- II. The Inseparable Fruit: Faith, Love, and Hope (vs. 4-5)
 - "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love." - Galatians 5:6
 - "And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing." - 1 Corinthians 13:2
 - "For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees. But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." - Romans 8:24-25

- III. The Powerful Seed: The Gospel (vs. 5-6)

- IV. The Faithful Planter: Epaphras (vs. 7-8)

Benediction:

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works." - Titus 2:11-14

Discussion/Reflection Questions:

1. Does your faith, love, and hope cause others to give God thanks? Why or why not?
2. What are some practical ways you renew your awe of the gospel?
3. How has hope in the gospel practically impacted your life recently?

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Overview of Colossians

| Christ Preeminent in All Things Supreme Lord Sufficient Savior | | | |
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| Colossians 1 | Colossians 2 | Colossians 3 | Colossians 4 |
| Supremacy of Christ | | Submission to Christ | |
| Doctrinal and Corrective | | Practical and Reassuring | |
| What Christ Did For Us | | What Christ Does Through Us | |
| Christ Our Lord | | Christ Our Life | Christ Our Love |
| Christ the Head of the Body | Christ the Lord of the Universe | Christ the Head of the Home | |
| Instruction | Warnings | Exhortations | Reminders |
| Reconciliation | Creation | Submission | Conversation |
| His Person and Word | | His Peace and Presence | |