

Gospel Participation: The Letter to Colossae



“Bearing Fruit”

Colossians 1:1-8

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September 20th, 2020

Notes:

I. The Need for a Letter (v.1-2)

II. A Beautiful Commendation (v. 3-8)

Next week: Gospel Participation—The Letter to Colossae
Colossians 1:9-14 Speaker: Pastor Adam Fitch

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Ask God to lead you in applying today's passage. Below are some ideas to help.

READ- Follow the attached daily Bible reading plan to gain further insight on this topic.

STUDY- Use your Study Bible to research the topic of hope.

CONFESS- Admit to God how your life has not always been a testimony of hope.

PRAY- Ask God to give you insight as to how hope should inform the way you think and act.

PRAISE- Take time to worship God for the fact that His hope does not disappoint us (Is. 49:23)!

GATHER- Prepare for D group by reading Sunday's passage again and answering the attached questions.

INVEST- Like Epaphras (v7), where and how can you offer Hope to those in need?

GIVE- Do you know anyone affected by the fires? How can you help?

INVITE- Sometimes people are just waiting for us to ask- because it let's them know we care. Who needs to receive a personal invitation to church (or a watch party) from you?

CREATE- write your own application down here:

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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Monday: Reliable Hope--Romans 5:1-5

Tuesday: Vain hope--Psalm 33:16-22

Wednesday: Promise of Hope--Jeremiah 29:11

Thursday: Future Hope--Romans 8:18-25

Friday: Word of Hope--Romans 15:4-13

Saturday: Tomorrow's Passage--Colossians 1:9-14

IN THIS PASSAGE, IS THERE A...

- Sin to avoid?
- Prayer/Promise/Praise?
- Example to follow?
- Command to obey?
- Knowledge to remember?
- Question I still have?

(Virtual) D GROUP QUESTIONS:

1 Paul explains how thankful he is for the Colossians' love and faith. Whose love and faith inspires you and for which we could give thanks?

2 Who is your Epaphras? Who shared the faith with you? What did you appreciate about their approach? What lessons can you learn from their example as you consider sharing faith with others?

3 Paul writes this letter to a church he has never met! Where might there be opportunities to encourage and build up believers/the Church in places we've never been?

TOUGH: Verse 5 says faith and love spring up from hope...In other words, hope is the source from which the fruits of faith and love are birthed. How hopeful are you? Do you ever struggle with despair? How so?