





# Thanking God for the Fruit of Gospel Hope

Colossians 1:3-8



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Rom. 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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**Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.**



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1 John 3:16 We know love by this, that He (Christ) laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.



1Cor. 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.



Col 1:10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.



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1. Increasing (v6: *to become greater in extent, size, state, and quality*)



Mark 4:8 “Other seeds fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.”



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1. Increasing: to become greater in extent, size, state, and quality

2. *Global (just as in the whole world v6)*



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B. The Measure of Fruit

C. The Season of Fruit



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1. From the Beginning (since the day you heard/understood)

2. Constantly



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III. The Focus of Gospel Hope



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B. Jesus Christ is the Hope of the Gospel Message



Col 1:26 (in reference to the gospel Paul preached, he said), it is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, 27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.



1Tim. 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope.

1Pet. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.



John 17:24 “Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”



John 17:3 “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”



Eph 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the *glory of His grace*, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.



Ex. 33:18 Then Moses said, “I pray You, show me Your glory!” 19  
And He said, “I Myself will make all My goodness pass before  
you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I  
will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show  
compassion on whom I will show compassion.”



Psa. 96:2

Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

3 Tell of His glory among the nations,

His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.



Psa. 115:1

Not to us, O LORD, not to us,

But to Your name give glory

Because of Your lovingkindness (רַחֲמִים),

Because of Your truth (faithfulness).



John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us,  
and we saw *His glory*, glory as of the only begotten from the  
Father, full of grace and truth.



Rom. 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.



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III. The Focus of Gospel Hope

A. Every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Eph 1:3)

B. Jesus Christ is the Hope of the Gospel Message

1. The Gospel Message includes Hope

2. The Gospel Message is about God's Grace

3. The Gospel Message is the Word of Truth



Hope includes desire and expectancy



Eph 1:11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, . . . 13 . . . you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance.



Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.



1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.



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IV. The Feet of Gospel Hope



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A. Beloved



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A. Beloved

B. Fellow Slave



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C. Faithful Servant of Christ



