

"The Fruit of the Gospel"

Colossians 1:1-8

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Introduction:

Who Wrote It? Who Received It? Why Was It Sent?

"You see, not that they had come to the gospel but that the gospel had come to them, to show us that it is God who comes to us."
- Jean Daillé, French Reformed Pastor, 1648

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."
- Luke 19:10

"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.'"
- Isaiah 65:1

Cause for _____ (vv. 3-6)

Three _____

The Fruit of _____

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade-- kept in heaven for you...."
- 1 Peter 1:3, 4

A _____ Fruit (v. 4)

The Fruit of the _____ (vv. 5, 6)

A _____ Fruit (v. 7)

"And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."
- Romans 5:5

Three Things to _____ to Bear the Fruit

1. _____ to the Gospel (v. 5)

"We have to be continually reminded of what we believe. Neither [Christian] belief nor any other will automatically remain alive in the mind. It must be fed."
- C. S. Lewis

2. Live in the _____ (v. 8)

"... because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction."
- 1 Thessalonians 1:5

"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints...."
- Ephesians 1:18

3. Look to the _____ Laid Up in Heaven

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."
- Colossians 3:1, 2

The _____ Fruit of Faith and Love

The Fruit of the Gospel