



Week 3: Truly Understanding
Sunday, September 04, 2022

† A firm foundation
Colossians 1:3

† Faith, Love, and Hope
Colossians 1:4-5a

- **Faith**, in Paul's meaning, is both a yielded devotion to God and a yielded belief in what is true about God.
- **Love** within the community of faith is the sure evidence that faith is genuine and God's Grace is at work.
- In verse 5 we see the source of this Love is the communities **Hope** of resurrection: the believer's FUTURE resurrection, made possible through Jesus' PAST resurrection, and the reality of our PRESENT resurrection!

† Truth you've already heard
Colossians 1:5b

† The whole world
Colossians 1:6a

† Truly understanding
Colossians 1:6b

† The greatest of these
Colossians 1:7-8

Questions for reflection and discussion

- Verse 3 could be better translated “*we thank God as we always pray for you...*” How does consistent and purposeful prayer lead to a spirit of gratitude?
- We asserted that a loving community of faith is evidence of genuine faith and the work of God’s Grace. What does this look like? What are actions and attributes of a genuinely loving community of Christ disciples?
- How does a believer’s hope of resurrection (past, present, future) give rise to a spirit of genuine faith and love?
- Paul asserts the message of the Gospel and God’s Grace these believers had *already heard* was sufficient to bear fruit throughout the world. What are these core truths, and what are ‘extra’ things in today’s Christian culture that may detract from this essential message?

Next week: Week 4- A different kind of prayer, part 1. Colossians 1:9-11

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