

Hope, Faith, Love and Growing-Up : Colossians 1: 1-14

Vs. 1-3: Paul's Greeting

Vs. 4-6: Hope, Faith and Love

The Big 3 - 1 Thessalonians 1:2,3; 1 Corinthians 13:13; Colossians 1:23

#1. HOPE: Vs 5

Webster definition: A feeling of expectation or desire for a certain thing to happen

Biblical definition: Hope = _____ Hebrews 6:19,20

Origin of our Hope: Colossians 1:27 and Titus 3:7

"heavens" His steadfastness is available now

#2. FAITH: Vs 4a Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the _____ of things

Ephesians 6:16 _____

#3. LOVE: Vs 4b "...which you have for all the saints;"

Vs 7,8: Founder of the church at Colossae, Laodicea and Hierapolis

Vs. 9: A prayer for the Colossians to continue to grow-up.

"To be filled with the knowledge of His _____"

2 Things that enable us to know His will:

1. In spiritual _____

2. Understanding = _____ Eph 1:17

Vs. 10-12a: 6 Things: 1-3 we choose and 4-6 are results of those choices

1. Walk worthy
2. To please Him
3. Bearing fruit
4. Increasing in the knowledge of God
5. Strengthened
6. Attitude of gratitude

Vs 13,14: Why we are grateful

Home Enjoyment: Read Colossians 1 several times this week observing who Christ is and what He has done for us.

Answer and meditate on these 2 questions:

What or who is in my Hope Box? Am I growing in my faith?

