

Edgemont Bible Church
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Colossians 1:6-11

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I. The Gospel Truth

- A. The Greeting - vs 1-2
- B. The Gospel Truth is received by Faith - vs 3-4a
- C. The Gospel Truth results in Love - vs 4b
- D. The Gospel Truth Rests in Hope - vs 5
- E. The Gospel Truth Reaches the World - vs 6a - which has come to you, **as it has also in all the world,**

- 1. Mt 24:14 - And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world
- 2. Jo 8:12 - "I am the light of the world.
- 3. Ro 1:8 - is spoken of throughout the whole world, 16 - for everyone who believes
- 4. Ro 10:18 - Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world.
- 5. 1 Th 1:8 - For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place.
- 6. Rev 7:9-10 - a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,

F. Produces Fruit - vs 6b

- 1. Not just a stagnant system of ethics
 - a. it is a living, moving, growing reality – Heb 4:12
 - b. If brings forth fruit – Ps 1:3; Mt 13:3-8; Mr 4:8
 - c. divine energy causes it to spread like a mustard seed – Mt 13:31-32
 - d. it brings spiritual growth – 1 Pet 2:2; Php 1:11; 2 Pe 1:8-9
- 2. The gospel brings forth fruit in two ways
 - a. internal transformation of individuals – Ro 8:29; Ga 5:22-23; 1 Th 1:6
 - b. external growth of the church – Acts 9:31; 1 Pe 3:15

G. The Gospel Truth is Rooted in Grace - vs 6c

- 1. Grace is at the very heart of the Gospel – Eph 2:8-9
- 2. the grace of God **in truth**; - carries the sense of genuineness
 - a. Is received by Humility – Pr 3:34; 1 Pet 5:5; Jas 4:6
 - b. Can be offered in vain - 2Co 6:1; Heb 12:5-6,15

H. The Gospel Truth Is Reported by People - vs 7-8

- 1. We are channels of the grace
 - a. Acts 1:8 - Spirit given to be witnesses
 - b. 1 Co 1:21 - people believed the message preached
 - c. Ro 10:14 - how can they believe in Him whom they have not heard
- 2. Epaphras brought news to Paul that they were being channels of God's grace
 - a. our dear fellow servant, - **sundoulos** - a co-slave, servitor or ministrant of the same master (human or divine):--fellow-servant.
 - b. who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, - **diakonos** - an attendant, a waiter (at table or in other menial duties); a Christian teacher and pastor (technically, a deacon or deaconess):--deacon, minister, servant.
 - c. who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

II. Paul's Prayer for the Colossians - Part 1

A. The Request - vs 9

1. For this reason we also,

- a. since the day we heard it, The favorable report given by Epaphras
- b. do not cease to pray for you, its important to pray for those that are doing well
 - i. Requires a God-Consciousness - to view everything in life as God has something to do with this also
 - ii. Requires a people-Consciousness - we cannot effectively pray for people without knowing their needs
- c. that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will
 - i. **pleroo** - to make replete, to completely fill, or totally controlled
 - ii. **Epignosis** - recognition, full discernment, acknowledgement.
 - Knowledge is a central theme in Paul's writings - 1 Co 1:5; Eph 1:17; Phil 1:9; Col 2:3; Col 3:10
 - iii. The Epistles are written with chapters on things that must be known before the chapters on the Practical
 - Ro 1-11 Doctrine; 12-16 Practical
 - Gal 1-4 Doctrine; 5-6 Practical
 - Eph - 1-3 Doctrine; 4-6 Practical
 - Phil and Col follow the same pattern
 - iv. the warnings in the Bible against the lack of Knowledge - Pro 19:2; Hos 4:6; 1 Co 14:20; Eph 4:14, 18
 - v. How does one gain knowledge?
 - First one must desire it - Jo 7:17; Hos 6:3
 - Second he must depend on the Holy Spirit - 1 Co 2:10-12

d. in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

2. Five Purposes Fulfilled in such Spiritual Knowledge – Vs 10-11

a. A Spiritual Walk – vs 10a

- i. walk – pattern of Daily Conduct
- ii. worthy of the Lord = fully pleasing Him,
 - what seems impossible - 1 Th 2:12; Eph 4:1; Phil 1:27
 - Features of a worthy walk
 - Humility – Eph 4:1-3
 - Purity – Ro 13:13
 - Contentedness – 1 Co 7:17
 - Faith – 2 Co 5:7
 - In Good Works - Eph 2:10-In Love Eph 5:2
 - Different from the World – Eph 4:17-32
 - In Light – Eph 5:8
 - In Wisdom - Eph 5:15
 - In Truth – 3 Jo 3-4

b. Spiritual Fruit – vs 10b

- i. being fruitful is the mark of true faith - Jo 15:8; Ro 7:4
- ii. The Bible defines fruit in various ways
 - (Here) being fruitful in every good work
 - Converts– 1 Co 16:15; Rom 1:13
 - Praise – Heb 13:15
 - Offerings – Rom 15:26-28
 - Godly Living – Heb 12:11
 - Godly Character developed by the Spirit - Gal 5:22-23

iii. What Produces Fruit – vs 10b

- First - Union with Christ – Ro 7:4; Jo 15:1-8
- Second – wisdom that comes from the above
 - the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.
- Third – effort on the part of the believer – 2 Pet 1:5-8

c. Spiritual Growth – vs 10c

- i. and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- ii. **Te epignosei** – in the knowledge of God
- iii. Marks of spiritual growth
 - deeper love for God's word – Ps 119:97
 - more obedience – 1 Jo 2:3-5
 - enlarged faith – 2 Thess 1:3; 2 Co 10:15
 - greater love – Phil 1:9

d. Spiritual Strength – vs 11a

- i. strengthened with all might,
 - **dunamoumenoi** – present participle indicating continuous action to enable:--strengthen.
 - Not like a booster rocket – get them going and leave them to fly on their own
- ii. according to His glorious power,
 - **doxa** – refers to manifestation of the attributes of God
 - **kratos** - vigor ("great"):--dominion, might(-ily), power, strength.
 - Refers to strength in action
 - used 12 times, 11 about God
 - God's power is manifested in us through the ministry of the Holy Spirit – Col 1:29; Acts 1:8; Eph 3:16; Rom 15:13;
 - Available to the believer who is filled with the knowledge of God's word

e. Spiritual Endurance – vs 11b

- i. Knowledge of God's promises and purposes revealed in God's word gives strength to endure trials and suffering
 - **hupomone** - cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy:--enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting). Deals more with circumstances.
 - **makrothumia** - longanimity, i.e. (objectively) forbearance or (subjectively) fortitude:--longsuffering, patience. Deals more with People.
- ii. Not the stoic teeth gritting patient enduring of trials, but the strength provided by the knowledge of God's word allows the believer to endure trials joyously. - Mt 5:11-12; Ac 5:41; Ro 5:3; 2Co 12:10; Php 2:17; Jas 1:2;