

**Jesus—Nothing More, Nothing Less**  
**We Always Thank God**  
**Colossians 1:3-8**  
Sermon Notes for June 28, 2020

3 Key Characteristics of the Colossian Church which stir up Thanksgiving in Paul:

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2. **L** \_\_\_\_\_ **for All the S** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **H** \_\_\_\_\_ **Laid Up in H** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Discussion/Study Guide for Colossians 1:3-8**

We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God's Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.

- After listening to Pastor Phil's reflections on Colossians 1:3-8, what initial thoughts come to your mind that encourage or challenge you in your walk with Jesus?
- Reread Colossians 1:3-8 together. You, or someone else in the group, put into your own words for what and why Paul is thankful to God for the Colossian believers. Be creative.
- Pastor Phil likened faith to the part of a garden hose that is attached to a spigot. What would be another way to describe what faith is to someone who may not understand the concept?
- Verse 5 says the Colossians' faith and love came from the hope laid up in heaven for them. How does an eternal hope fuel faith in Jesus and love for others in your life?
- In this passage Paul describes the gospel as "the word of the truth" (5) and "the grace of God in truth" (6). What words would you use to describe the gospel?
- According to verses 6-7, what 3 things did Epaphras do for the Colossians?
- How is Epaphras described in verse 7? Who has been your Epaphras? Who are you being an Epaphras for right now?
- As you think about the coming week, who can you tell that you are thankful to God for their faith, love, and hope? How will you do that? Identify someone you know who needs to hear and understand the gospel. Begin praying for that person(s) and be intentional about an opportunity to share.

Pray alone or together with your group and ask for the Holy Spirit to fill you with His love that you might grow in these characteristics of faith, love, and hope.