

Colossians: Fighting Heresy and Preserving Purity
(Part 2) The Essence of Christian Life

There are two trajectories to Christian life – vertical and horizontal

Vertical – _____ in _____

Horizontal – _____ for _____

_____ to Christ often involves great loss, pain, suffering

Loving people is _____ service to others on behalf of the kingdom of God

(Col. 1:3-5) Everything productive is based on _____ laid up in heaven

(v.3) Holy, _____ followers of Christ pray for one another

They thank God for one another (Eph. 1:16; 1 Timothy 2:1)

(v.4-5) True faith in Christ and love for people cannot stay _____

Paul _____ them for their love for all of God's people

Their love is based in _____

Hope is based on the _____ of eternal life in heaven with Christ

Hope is generated from the moment we hear the _____ and repent

(Col. 1:6-8) A Summary of the gospel

(v.6) The _____ about God's grace changes lives

Not just for a select few

Grace is God's _____ to people

The true message is spreading and bearing fruit in the whole world

Producing new believers, godly _____, godly _____

In changing people, it has the power to change the _____

The message is spread by _____ not by special conveyance

Those who have heard and received it are _____ to share it

(v.7-8) Epaphras is the _____ for their understanding of the gospel

Paul's beloved co-worker (4:12-13)

Christ's _____ servant

Helping spread the gospel on their behalf

Possibly an _____ in the area who is very familiar with the church

Has anyone heard of our faith in Christ and/or our love for all of God's people?

Do we have confident hope on "layaway" in heaven?

Is the work God has given us producing fruit?