

## *“The Graces of God’s Gospel.1”*

### The Cosmic Supremacy of Christ

Col. 1:3-5 • pt. 2

#### INTRODUCTION

- emulating great men and women of faith  
Heb. 11

#### CONTEXT

#### MAIN IDEA (1:3-8)

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- divisions:
  - + internal effects of the gospel (1:3-5)
  - + external extents of the gospel (1:6)
  - + personal emissary of the gospel (1:7-8)

#### *1. Paul, embracing God’s work of grace*

- giving thanks
- *praying always*

#### *2. Colossians, effected by God’s work of grace*

- triumvirate of faith, love, hope  
1 Cor. 13:13; 1 Thess. 1:3

*“Faith rests on the past work of Christ; love works in the present; and hope anticipates the future.”*  
– author unknown

- **Faith**

+ defined:

+ described:

- ✓ a conviction in God’s written revelation  
2 Thess. 2:13
- ✓ a personal surrender to Christ  
Jn. 1:12
- ✓ a lifestyle reflecting that personal surrender  
Jms. 2:17

- **Love**

+ evidence of genuine faith  
Jn. 13:35

+ not a feeling, but a response to God’s grace  
1 Jn. 4:19; 1 Pet. 1:22

- **Hope**

*“Hope is the root of which faith is the plant and love is the fruit.”*  
– author unknown

+ *laid up*

Lk. 19:20; Mt. 6:19-21

+ not in a place, but in a Person  
Col. 1:27

#### APPLICATION

*“Many are willing that Christ should be something, but few will consent that Christ should be everything.”*  
– Alexander Stuart