

# Being Thankful For the Most Important: The Gospel

Colossians 1:3-8

*Introduction*

## #1- The Priority of Being \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> - The \_\_\_\_\_ we thank

**3** *We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*

**Matthew 28:19** *Go ...and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit*

**John 10:30** *"I and the Father are one."*

**John 14:9** *He who has seen Me has seen the Father;*

**2 Corinthians 13:14** *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*

2<sup>nd</sup> - The \_\_\_\_\_ we give thanks

1-Through \_\_\_\_\_  
*praying always for you,*

2-Because of \_\_\_\_\_  
**4** *since we heard*

## #2- The Reason for thanks: The \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 15:3** *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures*

1<sup>st</sup> – The Gospel is received by \_\_\_\_\_  
4 *since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus*

**Ephesians 2:8** *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast.*

**John 15:16** *You did not choose Me, but I chose you*

**John 6:44** *No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.*

2<sup>nd</sup> – The Gospel results in \_\_\_\_\_  
*and the love which you have for all the saints;*

**Galatians 5:6b** *faith working through love*

**John 13:34** *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*

**Romans 5:5** *the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

**John 13:1** *having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*

3<sup>rd</sup> – The Gospel rests in a \_\_\_\_\_ that motivates  
5 *because of the hope laid up for you in heaven,*

**Ephesians 1:18** *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,*

4<sup>th</sup> – The Gospel is a message that's \_\_\_\_\_  
*which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel,*

5<sup>th</sup> – The Gospel can reach the \_\_\_\_\_ while reaching  
you \_\_\_\_\_

6 *which has come to you, just as in all the world*

**Mark 16:15** *Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

**Matthew 24:14** *this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.*

6<sup>th</sup> – The Gospel reproduces \_\_\_\_\_ in you and increases  
the \_\_\_\_\_  
*also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing,*

**John 15:2** *Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. 8 By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.*

**Galatians 5:22** *Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self control.*

**Ephesians 5:9** *for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and **righteousness** and truth,*

**Hebrews 12:11** *...discipline ... afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.*

**Colossians 1:6** *even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it*

7<sup>th</sup> – The Gospel is based on \_\_\_\_\_  
*and understood the grace of God in truth;*

**Acts 15:11** *we believe we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus.*

**Titus 2:11** *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,*

8<sup>th</sup> – The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ by Christians

*7 just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, 8 and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit.*

**Acts 13:48** *as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.*

**Acts 16:14** *a certain woman named Lydia... was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.*

#### **Epaphras was...**

- \* **A Teacher** 7 just as you learned it from Epaphras,
- \* **A Christian who was loved by many** our beloved
- \* **A single hearted full time minister** fellow bond-servant
- \* **Reliable** who is a faithful
- \* **Dedicated to serve Christ alone** servant of Christ
- \* **A mature church leader** on our behalf,
- \* **An accurate reporter** 8 and he also informed us
- \* **A Caring Pastor** of your love in the Spirit.

**Conclusion:**

#1-Thank God the gospel can \_\_\_\_\_ anyone and will \_\_\_\_\_  
any true Christian

#2-Live life with \_\_\_\_\_ in full view

**Philippians 3:20** *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;*

#3-Turn to the \_\_\_\_\_ today and always