

Colossians 1:3-6 (The Gospel)

Introduction:

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Thanksgiving (1:3-5a):

- “we give thanks . . . praying always . . . since we heard”
 - (see 1 Thess. 1:2)
- “your faith in Christ Jesus”
 - (see Eph. 1:15; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 1:17)
- “your love for all the saints”
 - (see 1 Cor. 13:13; John 13:34-35; 1 Thess. 4:9-10)
- “the hope which is laid up for you in heaven”
 - (see 1 Tim. 1:1; 1 Pet. 1:3; 1 Thess. 1:3)

The Gospel (1:5b-6):

- “the word of the truth”
 - (see Eph. 1:13; 1 Thess. 2:13; John 14:6)
- “the truth of the gospel”
 - (see 1 Cor. 15:1-3; Rom. 1:1-3a; 1:16; 15:29)
- “which has come to you”
 - (see Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19)
- “as it has also in all the world”
- “and is bringing forth fruit”
 - (see John 15:8; Psa. 1:1-3; Isa. 55:10-11)
- “as it is also among you”
 - (see 1 Thess. 1:5)
- “since the day you heard and knew”
 - (see Rom. 10:17; Jam. 1:18-21; Heb. 4:12)
- “the grace of God in truth”
 - (see Titus 2:11-12; 2 Tim. 2:1; 1 Cor. 15:10)