

Colossians 1:5b-8 (The Gospel, The Word, Grace, And Faithful Epaphras)

Introduction:

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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)

Epaphras (1:7-8):

- “as you also learned from Epaphras”
 - (see Phlm. v. 23)
- “our dear fellow servant”
 - (see Phil. 2:25)
- “who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf”
 - (see 1 Cor. 4:2; 2 Tim. 2:2)
- “who also declared to us”
- “your love in the Spirit”
 - (see Gal. 5:22; Rom. 5:5)