

"The Truth"

Colossians 1:1-8

1st of all we need to know a little about Paul.

1. His personality was an extraordinary combination of a tender heart, a brilliant mind and an uncompromising tenacious will.
2. He also was a Roman citizen by birth.
3. And he was deeply exposed to Greek culture which was very useful in his life for all of the ministry that he was going to do. His complex background made him very unique and perfect for reaching Greco-Roman culture.
4. It is truly because of God's work through him that Christianity enlarged from a small sect in Palestine to a major World Religion throughout the Roman Empire.

Paul says that he thanks _____ for their faith.

I. The Gospel Truth is Received by _____ . (Col,1:4-5)

1. Faith (Pistis) means to be persuaded that something is true and to trust in it. More than intellectual assent, it involves obedience.
2. We trust in the truth of God by the overwhelming _____ both from scripture and the testimony of Christians before us. Therefore, it is not a _____ of faith. But it is faith
3. True saving faith contains _____ & _____ as its signs.
4. The _____ of our faith is Jesus Christ

II. The Gospel Truth Results in _____ . (Col,1:4b)

1. The results of a genuine faith is a _____ life.
2. True Faith in Christ _____ us from selfishness.
3. We are saved _____ Faith, and saved _____ Love

III. The Gospel Truth Rests in _____ .

1. We are a society of people that want to buy now pay later.
2. We are different. We are _____ now, get reward _____. We are willing to go through hardship and sacrifice for the hope of treasure later.
3. So to show mankind just how serious God is about having us put our hope in Him, He made us _____ of God.

Conclusion: We can trust the Gospel because it is the _____ of God.