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Colossians 1:3-14

Discussion questions (3-8)

1. What is the “subject” of verses 3-8: what is it that sets in motion all the action of these verses?
2. Why do you think Epaphras is mentioned in verse 7? Why does it matter how the Colossians first heard the gospel?

I. The fruit of the gospel (3-8)

- A. “The word of truth, the gospel” (5)
- B. “You learned it from Epaphras, a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf” (7)
- C. “We have heard of your faith and love” (4)

Discussion questions (9-14)

1. Make a short “prayer list” of Paul’s prayer for the Colossians. What specifically does he ask God for on their behalf?
2. What stands out to you about Paul’s prayer here?

II. A prayer for the church (9-14)

- A. “Asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will” (9)
- B. “To lead a life worthy of the Lord” (10)
- C. “May you be strengthened with all power” (11)
- D. “Giving thanks to the Father” (12)

“Honor, love, and praise the holy church, your mother, the heavenly Jerusalem, the holy city of God. It is she who, in this faith which you have received, bears fruit and spreads throughout the world. She is the church of the living God, the pillar and mainstay of truth.” —St. Augustine, sermon on Colossians 1

