

Got Hope
Colossians 1.1-8
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An introduction to the book

Theme:

Context:

Why was this letter written?

- To address _____ and _____ in the young congregation
- Gnosticism, Astrology, Magic and Mysticism
- The idea that Jesus was a _____ in a long _____ that extended to God
- Paul is contending for the _____ and _____ of Christ

Chapter 1.1-2

- Typical salutation in _____
- Loaded with theological terminology
- The will of God, faithful, grace, peace
- Stresses the “ _____ ”

Verses 3-8

- Paul is thankful
- Points to three things: _____, _____, and _____
- In 1Corinthians _____ is the most important thing
- In Colossians the emphasis seems to be on _____

What do we know about hope?

- Produced by _____
- Does not put us to _____
- Is linked to _____
- It makes us _____
- Changes the way we _____

Hope as an antidote

- Hope dispels _____
- In this passage it is _____ to faith and love
- It tells us that regardless of any desperate circumstance we might find ourselves in, there is always something to look forward to

Got hope?

- Hope is the by-product of _____ who Jesus really is
- Because Christ is _____ and all-sufficient we are never without hope

“The power of the bleeding love of God is stronger than the power of Caesar, of the law, of Mars, Mammon, Aphrodite and the rest. This is the point that Paul grasped. And that is the reason for the Colossians' gratitude. The battle has been won.” — **N.T. Wright**