

The Power of the Gospel in a Fruit-Bearing Church (Colossians 1:3-8)

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Introduction: The Early Church's View on "Power"

Power =

Dynamite is an _____ way to _____ "power" in the same way as the early church did because dynamite didn't _____.

Notes on Biblical power from [Matthew 24:29-30](#):

This power is _____ from God the Father Himself.

The Church of Colossae

Most likely planted by _____. The church is fruitful but _____ are arising amongst the body.

Paul doesn't start his address by _____, but by praising them for their _____ and their _____ for all the saints.

"The saints are men of faith, for their holiness is derived from Christ, but they are also faithful men, and will not betray their trust." - F.B. Meyer

Faith =

Love =

The Origin of Their Love and Faith

Paul points out that their love for the saints is _____ and _____ by the _____ laid up for them in heaven and believed this hope has been _____ due to them _____ and _____ the gospel.

Hope =

Notes on [Romans 5:1-5](#):

This hope doesn't disappoint because Christ _____ what He _____ by sending the Holy Spirit.

Why Paul Continues to Bring Them Back to the Gospel

Paul reminds them that this _____ came through them _____ the gospel.

Heard =

Faith comes by _____ and hearing from the _____ of _____.

[Galatians 5:22-23](#) – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

The gospel alone is _____ and _____ throughout the world, which displays the _____ of God because that's the _____ of the gospel.

The gospel is not only spreading but is _____ because people from all nations are now _____ and _____ the grace of God in truth.

Heard =

Understood =

How do you know if you are being fruitful?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Notes on God's Love:

How does Paul give credit and authority to Epaphras to lead the church?

1. He reminds them who _____ for them.
2. Builds _____ through what Epaphras reported.
3. Authorizes him as a _____ through what he reported.