

# Movements of God

## Fueled by the Gospel - part 1

September 7, 2025

**Bible Passage:** Colossians 1:3-8

### Introduction:

Movements of God tend to follow:

- White-hot \_\_\_\_\_
- Commitment to a \_\_\_\_\_
- Contagious \_\_\_\_\_

**Big Idea:** Movements of God, fueled by the gospel, change people. \_\_\_\_\_ people change the \_\_\_\_\_ through the gospel.

### #1 - A movement of God is fueled by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel (3-5)

- Gratitude to God is an appropriate response for \_\_\_\_\_ gospel movements.
- Saving faith requires a \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ.
- The reality of “faith” changes a person's \_\_\_\_\_ and how one view others.
- The gospel generates a steely \_\_\_\_\_ within a person.
- The euangelion (Gospel) is true \_\_\_\_\_.

### #2-A movement of God, fueled by the Gospel, is \_\_\_\_\_ (6)

- There is \_\_\_\_\_ gospel.
- This one gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
- The gospel t \_\_\_\_\_ people in ways nothing else could.

### #3-A movement of God, fueled by the Gospel, is always \_\_\_\_\_ (7-8)

- \_\_\_\_\_ are who God uses in His movements.
- Epaphras is mentioned three times in the New Testament, twice in Colossians (Colossians 1:7; 4:12) and once in (Philemon 23).
- God used Epaphras in their salvation from sin, spiritual growth and maturity in Christ.

### Truth Into Action:

- By design, it's possible for you to be changed by Jesus Christ. **Look for God's fresh work in your life!**
- Jesus is the hope of the whole world. **Remember the effectiveness of the Gospel.**
- Don't miss the greatest adventure in life. **JOIN THE MOVEMENTS OF GOD.**

Pray first†



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

# Table Talk

**Warm Up:** How have you seen Jesus Christ through the power of the gospel change you?

1. What two things is Paul doing for the Christians in Colosse, according to verse 3? Do you verbalize gratitude and pray for others? (If yes, illustrate how you do this. If no, discuss how this might look in your life.)
2. What characteristics of the church in Colosse does Paul thank God for in verse 4? According to the verse, where do these characteristics spring from?
3. Paul states that the Colossian's faith and love have arisen from the hope laid up for them in heaven in verses 4-5.
  - What do think entails the hope laid up for them and us in heaven?
  - How does faith and love arise or come from hope? [Faith lays the groundwork for hope, as believers trust in God's promises and look forward to their fulfillment. Hope, in turn, fuels perseverance and joy, even in the face of adversity. Love binds everything together in perfect harmony, as it is the ultimate expression of faith and the goal of hope.]
  - Would others see a similar work of God in your life, like that which was said of the believers in Colosse? Discuss this.
4. Look up Colossians 1:7; 4:12-13 and Philemon 23 and write down how Epaphras became a part of a movement of God.
  - Epaphras shared the gospel with the believers in Colossae. Who shared the gospel with you?
  - Who are the people in your life that have prayed for your spiritual growth? How are your praying for spiritual breakthrough and growth (What are your praying for specifically for God to do in their lives?).
  - Who are the people in your life that God has allowed you to see their spiritual growth? What happened?

**Closing Prayer:** Father we long to see fresh movements of God in our lives. Help me to be a friend like Ephaphras. For your glory God and our good! In Jesus sweet name I pray, Amen!