

*Colossians*



At the Center of it All

**'Spotting and Speaking Grace'**

*Question...*

## **Colossians 1:3 - 8**

**3** We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, **4** since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, **5** because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,

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**6** which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, **7** just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf **8** and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

## *Outline*

*1 Spotting the fruit of grace*

*2 Speaking grace to the root of our fruit*

V3 “we always thank God...when we pray for you.

V9 “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you.”

**A prerequisite for spotting grace in others is praying for them.**

## Spotting **The Fruit of Grace**

Faith *in Christ Jesus*

Love *for all the saints*

**Hope *laid up for you in heaven***

**CHRISTIAN HOPE:**

**Colossians 3:1-2**

*“If then you have been raised with Christ seek the things that are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God...For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears then you also will appear with him in Glory.”*

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We won't cherish grace

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## **The Root of Grace - The Gospel**

V3, 8 Starts with the Father, Son, and Spirit

V4 It's in Jesus

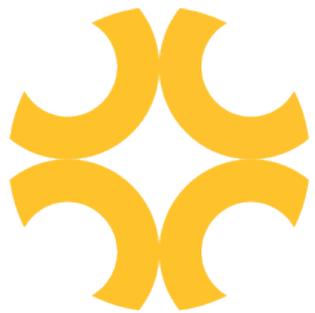
V5 It is the word of truth

V6 It came to us

V6 It's bearing fruit in the whole world, and in us

## Practical Application

- 1 **pray for people** (especially your Christian brothers and sisters)
- 2 **rehearse the Gospel**
- 3 **Be in community** where you can spot and speak grace (CGs, Service teams, etc)
- 4 **Spot grace:** take note of ways you see faith, hope and love in others
- 5 **Speak grace:** Point it out and point to Jesus



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