

The Great Convictions of a Great Christian Colossians 1:1-8

- 1. The Great beliefs of a Great Christian (vv.1-2)
 - A. Life has but one profession: <u>The will of God</u> (v.1) Hebrews 13:21; James 4:15; Ephesians 3:7 II Corinthians 5:17-18; I Timothy 1:12
 - B. Life has but one essential relationship: <u>Brotherhood</u> (vv.1-2) Romans 12:5, 10; Philippians 2:3-4; I Peter 5:5
 - C. Life has two levels of Saints:
 - 1. Carnal Saints Romans 5:5-8
 - 2. Faithful Saints Matthew 7:21, 24-27
 - D. Life has two basic spiritual deeds: (v.2)
 - 1. Grace- Favor of God showered upon men. James 1:17; Ephesians 1:7; Philippians 4:19
 - 2. Peace- The ability to conquer worry and anxiety. Philippians 4:11-13
- 2. The Great Pillars of the Christians Life (vv.3-8)
 - A. The Great pillars are Good reasons for giving thanks to God_John 10:30; John 14:9 Galatians 6:14; I Thessalonians 5:16-18
 - B. The two pillars of life:
 - 1. Faith Galatians 4:4-7; John 5:24; John 12:46
 - 2. Love John Romans 12:9; I Peter 1:22
 - C. The basis for faith and love: Hope of the Christian (v.5) Acts 24:15; Philippians 3:20-21;

Titus 2:12-13; Hebrews 6:18-20; Romans 8:16-17

- D. The source of the Christians hope: The Gospel through the Word of God (vv.5-8)
 - 1. The Word is truth John 17:17
 - 2. The Word is for Individuals Luke 12:8-9
 - 3. The Word is for the World Acts 1:8
 - 4. The Word produces fruit Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 1:13; John 15:2-3
 - 5. The Word comes by hearing Romans 10:17
 - 6. The Word is the message of God's Grace Titus 2:11
 - 7. The Word is shared by men John 15:6
 - 8. The Word and Gospel results in love Romans 5:5; Colossians 1:25