



Colossians

Pillars and Prayers 1:3-11

Great Pillars

- Giving thanks – precedes prayer! *eucharisteo*
 - How often are we thankful?? are we thankful for another's faith?
- God and Father of Lord Jesus Christ
 - 2Co 1:3; 11:31; Ro 15:6; 1Pe 1:3; Re 1:6
- Praying always – *proseuchomai*
- Having heard – Epaphras (7)
 - What do people share about us? Are we happy about it?
- #1 – faith NOTE: “in Christ” , not in faith (4)
 - Personal relationship a **must** here

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- #2 – love (4 & 8)
 - For all the saints... wow, really?
 - Based on the love of Christ for us, not... (1John 4:19) “we love”
 - Stirred by the HS, when we let Him (8) – “love IN the HS”
 - Why is it easier to love the lost than our “family”?
 - Remember, this is our distinction - Jn 13:34,35
 - 1Jn 2:5,10; 3:10-14; 4:20,21 – thoughts?
- #3 – hope (vs. 5, 1Co 13:13 pattern) Rom 15:4
 - Hope laid up for us in heaven... inheritance
 - Raised from the dead, being with Christ, heaven

Source

- “the word of the truth of the gospel”
 - No other source or method
 - It is for each individual, It is for me as well - the world!
 - Brings forth fruit in us – ideas? (vs 10) “constantly... increasing”
 - Comes by hearing & knowing (*epiginosko*) – thoughts?
 - Grace of God – the MUST focus...
 - In truth – as opposed to the heresy in Colosse
- Epaphras – fellow servant/faithful minister (7)
 - Nice credentials! No hierarchy here – servants
 - We learn thru people best... love in the Spirit (8)