

## COLOSSIANS

 $\mathbf{1}$  Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

 $^2\,\mathrm{To}$  the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup> 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, <sup>7</sup> just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup> and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



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## Foundation Of Faith

## The Common Bond

- Christ
  - o Called
    - Following God's will
    - Faithfulness leads to peace
- The body
  - All parts of body are essential
  - o Fellowship

## **Foundation Of Faith**

The Common Bond
The Blessing Of Unity

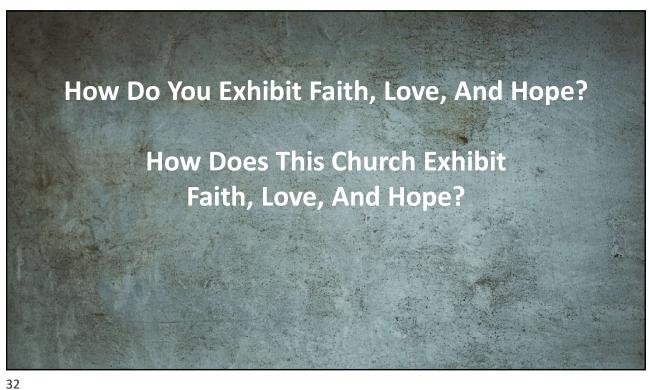
- Recognize the importance of the body
- Continue in prayer for the body
- Celebrate the work of God in the body

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## **Foundation Of Faith**

The Common Bond
The Blessing Of Unity
Faith In Christ, Love For The Body And Hope In Promises

- Two-part reward
  - Eternal award in heaven
  - Living out the gospel
- Others rewarded with the gospel



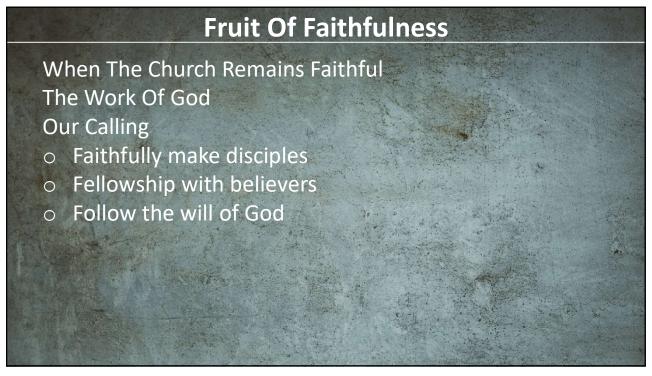
## **Fruit Of Faithfulness** When The Church Remains Faithful Interaction with the world Must hear the gospel Demonstrated gospel

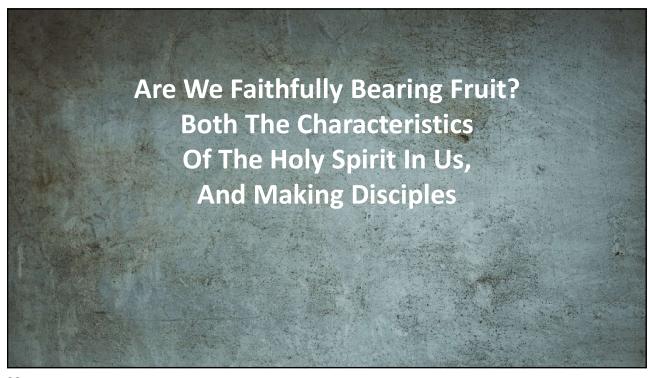
## Fruit Of Faithfulness When The Church Remains Faithful Interaction with the world Reaction from the world Understanding the gospel Receiving the gospel

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## Fruit Of Faithfulness When The Church Remains Faithful Interaction with the world The church is to multiply Testimony of the faithful witness was known Began with one – Epaphras Epaphras – discipled by Paul Returned home and discipled others

## **Fruit Of Faithfulness** When The Church Remains Faithful The Work Of God God initiates redemption Christ delivers redemption The Holy Spirit motivates 36





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## Fervent Prayer Prayers That God Answers Filling with knowledge of His will Spiritual wisdom Spiritual understanding

# Prayers That God Answers Answered Prayers O Walk in a manner worth of the Lord Fully pleasing to Him Bearing fruit Increasing in knowledge of God

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# Fervent Prayer Prayers That God Answers Answered Prayers Necessities For Life Strengthened in God's power Not in your power God's gracious might Endurance Patience Joy Praise to the Father

## **Fervent Prayer**

Prayers That God Answers Answered Prayers Necessities For Life New Life

- Shared inheritance
- Delivered from the domain of darkness
- o Sonship
- Redemption
- Forgiveness of sins

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You Can Not Live A Life Pleasing To God Without A Relationship With Him. Is God First In Your Life?