

Gospel Centered Thanksgiving | Colossians 1:1-8

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother. To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

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

Gospel-Centered Thanksgiving

Gospel-centered thanksgiving produces worship for the work of God around you, not just for you.

The Fruit of Thanksgiving

1. Thankful for Transformation through the Gospel (v.3-5a)
 - a. Faith
 - b. Love
 - c. Hope
2. Thankful for the Impact of the Gospel (v. 5b-6)
 - a. Bearing Fruit and Increasing
3. Thankful for the Faithfulness of the Gospel (v.7-8)
 - a. Teaching of the gospel;
 - b. Love in the Spirit

Benediction | Colossians 3:15-17

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.