



Colossians – A letter for today  
Getting to know the Church at Colosse, Pt. 2

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I. This was a church of BELIEVERS.  
“Since we heard of your *faith* in Christ Jesus...”

II. This was a church of DISCIPLES.  
“...and of the *love* which ye have to all the saints,”

Salvation in Christ Jesus and growing as a disciple does not exempt us from spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Gospel**

- The gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
“...the truth of the gospel”  
  
“Disproving the Resurrection wasn’t easy! In fact, it was impossible.” -Lee Strobel
- The gospel is \_\_\_\_\_.  
“Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world...”
- The gospel is \_\_\_\_\_.  
“...and bringeth forth fruit...”

**Rom. 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

III. This was a church of \_\_\_\_\_.  
“...as *it doth* also in you...”

**Luke 22:31** And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat: **32** But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

There are believers who have yet to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 15:8** Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Discipleship is the strongest evidence of salvation because it is the clearest evidence of \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. This was a church of \_\_\_\_\_.

It takes \_\_\_\_\_ men to have \_\_\_\_\_ men (2 Tim. 2:2).

- The first trait of the fruit of the Spirit is love (Gal. 5:22).

**1 Cor. 13:13** And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

- Paul mentioned their **faith** in Christ Jesus in verse 4.
- Paul mentioned their **love** to all the saints in verses 4 and 8.
- Paul mentioned their **hope** in verse 5.

Bible knowledge gained without a Spirit-filled walk only produces \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.