**Hope that Results in Love**

Colossians 1:3-8

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A. Hope rightly applied produces thanksgiving (v. 3)

1. In the heart of church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. In the heart of church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. In the heart of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. Hope rightly applied produces faith in Christ (v. 4a)

1. Our hope in the future produces a confidence in Christ today

2. Our hope in the future produces a confidence during difficult times

3. Our hope in the future produces a confidence during the good times

C. Hope rightly applied produces love (v. 4b)

***What does this love look like?***

It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(v. 3)

It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(cf. Philemon 4-7)

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D. Hope rightly applied produces the fruit of the Gospel (v. 5ff.)

1. It grows in you

2. It grows in the world

3. It grows through those around you

E. Hope rightly applied produces the fruit of the Spirit (v. 8)

Application and Action:

A. Regardless of your circumstances give thanks in hope

B. Regardless of your circumstances bless on person inside the community and one person outside the community

C. Commit to growing in your understanding and application of the Gospel

**Small Group Ideas:**

Small Groups are a vital part of the life of our church. In small groups we experience community, growth, and accountability. Our small groups are studying various topics, but all seek to apply the truths of God’s Word to their lives.

1. Read the article *False Repentance Leads to False Conversions* on the church website by Michael Lawrence.

2. How are moral people idol worshipers?

3. What is one thing you can take from this article?