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Colossians – “The Big Three” – Colossians 1:3-8

Intro

- Main Thought: The Gospel bears fruit in believers and is growing all over the World.
- “The Big Three” Spiritual Virtues for a church and its people. Are we growing and becoming healthier as a church and as followers of Jesus Christ? Are we bearing the fruit of the gospel in our lives?

1. Faith – Look Upward to God.

- “Be a Church of Great Faith.”
- Ps 123:1; Lk 17:5 – We believe by faith and walk by faith.
- Listen, Trust, and obey.
- Is your faith growing? What is the evidence? Is there faith in the room?
- On a scale from 1-10, what is your faith number?
- Pray and Practice the Presence of God.
- Luke 17:5 – Increase our faith.

2. “The Love” – Look Outward to Others

- Illustration – Winnie the Pooh characters.
- The Example of Philemon – Phil 1:4-7 – Refreshed people.
- Love the saints and everyone. Gal 6:10; 1Pet 2:17; 5:9
- Who are you ministering and serving?
- On a scale from 1-10, what is your love number?
- Love Destroyers – 2Tim 3:24; Eph 4:31 1Thess 3:12 – True Love Builds, 1Cor 13:4-13 – Read and meditate on this passage. How can I love them?

3. Hope – Look Forward to the Future

- Hope in Christ anticipates the future with the Lord and all his blessings to us.
- 1Pet 1:3; Heb 6:19; Rom 3:3-5; Eph 1:18; Titus 2:13; 1Pet 3:15 –

- Read these verses. What is your hope number between 1-10?
- What are you hoping for that is not tied to Jesus Christ?

4. The Gospel is Growing All Over the World

- Colossians 1:6

5. The “Big Three Example” – Epaphras

- Are we going to be a church growing in the “Big Three” virtues?
- Are you going to be a person growing in the “Big Three” virtues?
- Pray, evaluate, and let the Holy Spirit transform your life.