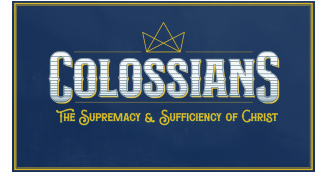


# Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Scripture: Colossians 1:3-9a



## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In Paul's prayer for the Colossians, he expresses his thanksgiving for their faith in the gospel, celebrates the expansion of the gospel, and rejoices at their reception of the gospel.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- How does Paul begin his letter to the Colossians (verses 3-4) following his greeting?
- How are prayerfulness and thankfulness related (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)?
- What three marks of spiritual life does Paul mention in verses 4-5?
- How does hope inform and shape our faith and love? How is our hope affected when we remove our gaze from the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ (1:27)?
- What does Paul mean that the gospel is bearing fruit (verses 6 and 10)?
- Is the gospel your ongoing acceptance, hope, and confidence in Christ? Does it prompt you to worship and drive you to declare the good news of Christ in word and deed (John 15:4-5, 16-17)?
- Discuss the importance of community in discipleship (growing in our knowledge and devotion to Christ).
- What was Epaphras' role in the Colossian church? What encouraging message did he bring to Paul about the Colossians (verse 8)?
- How do we know what genuine love is (Philippians 1:9-11)? How do we grow and abound in love?