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## **Faithful Believers**

The faith Paul describes in verses 3 and 4 has a practical evidence in a believer's life. Faith in Jesus Christ will result in love for other believers, hopeful Christian living, acknowledgement of God's Word as true, and spreading the Gospel to the world.

### Colossians 1:3-8

I.) Love of Fellow Believers: Colossians 1:4b, 1 John 4:20, 1 John 3:14-15

A.) Love by Sacrifice: John 13:1-5, John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

B.) Love by Service: Galatians 5:13, 1 John 3:16-19, 2 Corinthians 12:15

II.) Hope of the Gospel: Colossians 1:5a, Colossians 1:27, 1 Peter 1:13

A.) Confidence of Hope: Hebrews 6:18-19, 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 1 John 3:1-2

B.) Reserved in Heaven: 1 Peter 1:3-4, Psalms 31:19, 2 Timothy 4:8

C.) Future of Hope: Romans 8:18, Philippians 3:20-21, Hebrews 11:24-27, 2 Corinthians 4:17-18, Matthew 6:19-20

III.) Word of Truth: Colossians 1:5b, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Ephesians 1:13, Colossians 3:16, 1 Peter 2:2, 2 Timothy 3:15-16

IV.) Spreading the Gospel: V6

A.) Declare the Gospel: Matthew 24:14, Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, Romans 10:18, Romans 15:18-19

B.) Bearing Fruit

1.) Increase of the Gospel: Mark 4:8, Mark 4:26-29, John 15:16, Acts 12:24

2.) Transformed Life: Colossians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 1:5, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, Titus 2:11-12

V.) Evangelism by Faithful Believers: Colossians 1:7-8, Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 1:21, Romans 10:14

*Food for thought: True faith has definite characteristics.*

*"Touching Lives With Scripture"*