

# The Fruit of Hope: Pt. 2 – Love

Col 1:3-8

## Introduction:

**Christian Hope** – is divinely powered by the Holy Spirit and it produces joy, love, boldness, and endurance in the life of all true believers.

### I. The 4 Fruits of Hope

- a. Hope bears the fruit of – Joy Rom 12:12a
- b. Hope bears the fruit of – Love Col 1:3-8**
- c. Hope bears the fruit of – Boldness
- d. And Hope bears the fruit of – Endurance

### II. Observation #1 Love is a Public Fruit v.4

- a. The Colossians had a reputation for their Faith and Love
- b. Their Faith and Love had become public Matt 5:16

### III. Observation #2 Love is a Fruit of Hope vss. 4-5a

- a. Connection between vss.4-5a shows hope is the cause of love
- b. They had love for all the Saints BECAUSE of the hope laid up for them in heaven.

### IV. Observation #3 Love is the Fruit of the Gospel vss. 5b-6

- a. It happens from the day you heard and understood the grace of God in Truth
- b. And this is understood because of v.6b
- c. We need to keep in mind whenever we share the Gospel
  - i. It's a message of promises from God offered to people
  - ii. Who stop hoping in the promises of the world and start hoping in the promises of God

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## **V. Observation #4 Love is a Fruit of the Spirit vss. 7-8**

- a. The love the Colossians have for Paul and all the Saints is not a natural love of the human heart
- b. It happens in the Spirit.
- c. This is why Paul thanks God v.3

## **VI. 3 Things to do to Bear the Fruit of Love**

- a. Give your attention to the Gospel v.5
- b. Be in the Spirit v.8 (1 Thess 1:5)
- c. Set your heart on the Hope in Heaven Col 3:1-2

## **VII. The Visible Fruit of Love means**

- a. We will be more patient, more kind
- b. We will be less jealous and boastful
- c. We will not be so irritable
- d. We will return Good for Evil

## **VIII. 2 Biblical Illustrations of Love as the Fruit of Hope**

- a. Hebrews Christian Church Members willing to suffer loss of their possessions Heb 10:34
- b. Moses leaves the comfort of Pharaoh's Court Heb 11:24-26