



“gospel” – *euangelion* – A news flash, **good news**

- The news of **victory**
- *Colossians 1:21-23*

“all over the world”

- The gospel is not just one more **mystery** religion of the Roman Empire or some local sect’s teaching.
- It is the true good news for the whole **world**.
- *Revelation 7:9; Matthew 24:14*

“this gospel is bearing fruit and growing”

- The Word of God is a living thing; it is alive, powerful and it is **productive**.
- The first idea of “bearing fruit” has an **inward** concept to it.
- The second idea of “growing” has an outward, **spreading** concept to it.

You can I cannot have **faith** in Christ (a living relationship with Jesus that brings that truth into present reality) and not have **love** (the self-sacrificing spirit that results from believing the hope of the gospel).

The gospel is **transforming** or it isn’t the gospel.

“just as it has been doing among you”

- *Colossians 1:13-14, 21-22; 2:13*
- God has performed a miracle in them through this **gospel** Paul is talking about.

When we fail to remember and recognize what God’s done for us, we set ourselves up to **fall** for worldly deception.

It is the gospel – the truth – the grace of God – that **change** the hearts of men and will change our world.

- *Romans 1:16*

“You learned it from Epaphras”

- This gospel is reported and spread by **us**.
- *Acts 1:8; Romans 10:14*

What enabled the **spread** of the gospel is exactly what Paul thanks God for in the Colossians (in verse 3-5). It was a radically **different** life that made a lost world listen, and the same is true today.

Our vision as a church and the challenge for each of us today is to be **living** the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Jesus, show me Your glory
and help it change my life today!**

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