

Colossians 1:3-8 (ESV)

We always thank God,

the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

when we pray for you,

⁴ since we heard

of your faith in Christ Jesus

and of the love that you have for all the saints,

⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,

⁶ which has come to you,

as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing

as it also does among you,

since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,

⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras

our beloved fellow servant.

He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf

⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit