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Scripture: Colossians 1:1-14

Title: How to Grow in Faith

Introduction: Colossians 1:1-2: Apostle Paul writes to the Colossians. He calls them saints and faithful brothers and sisters. If you believe in Jesus Christ then you are saint. Lessons from Colossians chapter one are as follows

1. Faith and love proceed from hope (vv. 4-5).
“...for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel.” (vv.4-5 NRSV).
2. Faith proceeds from God’s word and preaching (v.7)
“This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.” (V.7 NRSV).

When we grow in faith, the following will happen:

1. We will grow in the knowledge of God’s will and understanding (v.9)
2. We will bear fruit in every good work (v.10)
3. We will be strengthened with power according to his glorious might so we may have great endurance and patience (vv.11-15).



Conclusion:

“If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves... Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 2:1-3, 5 NRSV).