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Message 1 Confident Hope

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Today's message is based on Colossians 1:1-8.

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives... **Colossians 1:6 (NLT)**

A. Introduction: Greeting (Colossians 1:1-2)

- B. Confident hope in the _____ ... (Colossians 1:3-8)
 - 1. Results in _____ and ____. (Colossians 1:3-5a. C/R: John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 13:13; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:4)

2.	Received by (Colossians 1:5b,7-8. C/R: Acts 1:8; Romans 10:14; 1 Corinthians 1:21)

3. Reproduces ______.
(Colossians 1:6. C/R Matthew 24:14; John 15:5,16; Galatians 5:22-23)

Answers: B. Gospel **1.** faith, love **2.** hearing **3.** fruit

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out: bible.com, bible.com, buble.com, buble.co

Conversation Starter

What do you find yourself thanking God for and/or praying about the most?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read Colossians 1:1-8.

- 1. What words or themes are repeated in this passage? Based on what Paul is emphasizing, what struggles do you think the Colossians might have been experiencing? What errors was he trying to correct?
- 2. What does it mean to have confident hope (vs. 5)?
- 3. What was happening as a result of the Colossians' confident hope?
- 4. What sorts of things usually cause you to lose hope?
- 5. The New Testament describes conversion to Christ in various ways. What is unusual about Paul's description in vs. 5-8?
- 6. How is your life being changed by the *Good News* of Jesus?
- 7. God often changes us through the influence of other people. What examples of people impacting people can you find in this passage?
- 8. Who in your life is helping you grow in faith?

- 9. Who are you personally influencing toward Christ?
- 10. What would it look like if the *Good News* was going out from Brookwood into our community in a greater way?
- 11. Read over the passage again. Write down one key principle or truth that is most meaningful to you.

Soul Training

Pause several times throughout the week and meditate on <u>Psalm 62:5-8</u>. Spend time quietly waiting before God. Turn your attention fully toward Him. Ask God to fill you with *confident hope* and give you opportunities to share the *Good News* with others.

Memory Verse

For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven.

Colossians 1:4-5a (NLT)

Daily Reading

Day 1: <u>Colossians 1:1-8</u> Day 4: <u>1 Corinthians 1:18-25</u>
Day 2: <u>Psalm 130:5-8</u> Day 5: <u>Matthew 24:4-14</u>

Day 3: Acts 1:4-8

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, June 17, we'll continue our series titled *Living Changed Lives*. To prepare for the message, read <u>Colossians 1:9-14</u>.

If you've never experienced God's grace and forgiveness, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org or call 864.688.8211.



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