

The Root which bears fruit (Colossians 1:1-8)

Missing out?

The situation in Colossae

2:16-18

Why Paul writes this letter – 2:6-7

Paul's opening move: gentle reassurance

Can you say yes to these 3 questions?

1. Have you got the fruit?

Thanksgiving

a) Faith in Christ Jesus

"We never have faith in something from a distance...when we genuinely place our faith in an object, we always **venture** something"

– Travis Dickinson

b) Love for all God's people

2. Have you got the root that bears fruit?

The logic of verse 5:

faith & love ← hope stored up in heaven ← the gospel

How to check your gospel is the right root

i. Is your gospel ***the word of truth?***

- True event
- True accomplishment

ii. Is your gospel a ***transforming hope?***

What hope are we talking about here?

How it builds trust and sparks love

3. Are you receiving faithful ministry that roots you in Christ?

Epaphras' ministry

Gospel ministry with global impact

So don't turn away!