

CONTINUE IN YOUR FAITH
Col. 1:3-8: THE BELIEVER'S "BIG THREE"

I. OUR _____ MUST BE IN CHRIST

II. WE MUST DEMONSTRATE _____ TO OTHERS

I John 3:23 - "And this is His command: to believe in the Name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He commanded us.

Heb. 13:2 - Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

Don't miss what Paul says here - your faith and love spring from your _____!

III. OUR _____ KEEPS US STRONG

In the daily-ness of life, our hope keeps our faith vibrant and our love active.

Biblical hope is the trusting expectation that God is going to keep His Word - it is the confident expectation of good things to come! Faith is trust and reliance in Christ; hope is our faith directed toward the _____. It has to do with confidence in God's help, and carries with it the idea of stability!

It is the hope laid up in _____! The assurance of eternal life keeps us going. This life is not all there is!

Where do we gain the knowledge about heaven? V. 5c - "the Word of Truth".

When these 3 things are happening among us, then

IV. THE GOSPEL WILL _____

Isa. 55:11 - "My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Rom. 1:16 - "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes..."

Fruit means 2 things:

The fruit of the Spirit - Gal. 5:22 - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

People led to Christ - John 15:16 - "I chose you to bear fruit - fruit that will last."

