

Entering into Christ: Word—Colossians 1:3-8

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In this first section of Paul's letter to the Colossians, he thanks God the Father for their entry into Christ, which is predicated upon three essential elements: grace, Word, and faith. All three *must* be present in a person's life for both spiritual birth and spiritual growth. This morning, we examine the second of these essential elements: *word*.

1. The Content of the Word (5)

a. "...the hope which is laid up for you in heaven"

b. "...the truth of the gospel"

2. The Function of the Word (6-7)

a. The word is proclaimed. (6)

b. The word is received. (6-7)

c. The word is productive. (6)

3. The Messengers of the Word (7-8)