

Colossians | Part 2

Central Text: Colossians 1:3-8

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THE MARKS OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH AND MATURITY

1) Faith and Love

Evidence of our salvation is our _____ in Christ and our _____ for the people of God.

2) Hope

The facts about our future hope are a powerful _____ for constant faith and costly, sacrificial love in the present.

(2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Romans 8:18)

FOR REFLECTION:

- 2 Cor. 13:5 says, *“Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.”* Do you have the marks that Paul identified in today’s passage—faith, love and hope? What is the fruit of that in your life?
- Can you identify something in your life, smaller than Jesus, that you have turned to for satisfaction, salvation, comfort, security, or approval? If so, repent of that idolatry.
- How often do you think about heaven? Commit to studying the following passages:
 - John 14:2-4; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Colossians 3:1-7; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 7:13-17; 21:4-8; Revelation 22