

Colossians Complement #5

8 Effects of Clinging to the Hope of the Gospel

Colossians 1:21-23

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death,

to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight

²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are **not moved away from the hope of the gospel** which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

When I cling to the hope of the gospel, I...

1. I _____ the character of God.

- John 3:16
- 1 John 3:16
- 1 John 4:7-21

2. I _____ the Hell I deserve, so anything else puts me in a good mood.

- 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- 1 Peter 1:6
- Philippians 4:4-9
- Luke 10:20

3. I _____ that I have no reason to boast—this keeps me humble.

- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Ephesians 4:1-3
- 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

4. I am _____ in grace.

- Hebrews 13:7-9
- Hebrews 6:19

5. I _____ how God wants me to walk: by faith.

- Colossians 2:5-7
- Galatians 2:20

6. I am _____ from trying to earn eternal life—it is the gift of God.

- Titus 3:4-7
- Colossians 2:11-23

7. I become _____ to share the gospel with those I love.

- 2 Timothy 2:2
- 1 Peter 3:15

8. I _____ greater opportunity to stand out and suffer.

- 2 Timothy 1:8-12
- John 15:18-20

Discussion Questions

1. Which verse stood out to you tonight? Why?
2. Do any of these effects surprise you?
3. What might cause a believer to neglect their hope?