

**CAN YOU SPOT A TRULY CHANGED LIFE IN CHRIST? Part 1**  
**TRUE BELIEVERS CAN RECOGNIZE AND ARE THANKFUL FOR CHANGED LIVES**  
**COLOSSIANS 1:3-5a**

**I. PAUL AND TIMOTHY WERE SO THANKFUL FOR THE COLOSSIANS CHANGED LIVES: Their changed lives brought thankful, continual prayer for them (3-5a)**

- A. They were thankful, constantly praying for them all (3)
  
  
- B. They were thankful, having heard of the fruit of their true relationship with Christ (4-5a)
  - 1. The Colossians **had genuine FAITH in Christ Jesus** (4a)
  
  
  - 2. Their **genuine FAITH in Christ was evidenced by LOVE** for all His people (4b)
  
  
  - 3. They **had a true eternal HOPE**, as revealed in the gospel (5a)

*Next week*

**II. PAUL AND TIMOTHY UNDERSTOOD HOW GOD CHANGED THEIR LIVES: The Colossians had heard and understood the grace of God in truth, the Word of truth, the Gospel, having learned it from Epaphras, which resulted in changed lives (5b-8)**

- A. The characteristics of the message: the Gospel (5-6a)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. The characteristics of the messenger: Epaphras (6b-8)