

Communion Meditation – Colossians

Colossians 1.3-8

“Faith, Love, Hope and Fruit”

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Character of NT Epistles

- Size of NT epistles varies greatly
 - Especially compared to OT history and major prophets
 - Must settle in for a read of Genesis, Exodus or Isaiah
 - With Colossians – you blink and you miss it
- Tone of epistles vary from one another
 - Easy to overlook nuances between NT epistles when reading / listening
 - People tune out, they think “I’ve heard this before . . .”
 - But is that true? Have we “really” mastered the subtle differences?

“A Flame on the Front Line” by John Weaver (Afghanistan missionary)

- Turned to the Lord at 18 and entered Bible College
- Memorized Ephesians when challenged by professor
- Memorizing a chunk of Scripture makes you very familiar with it
- It becomes a treasure you can return to again and again

Vss 3 to 5 ~ Faith, Hope, Love

- A favorite passage of my father-in-law is 1 Cor 13 – “love”
 - These verses appear together in many places – Eph, 1 Cor 13
 - They are pillars of our Christian faith
 - **III: Table** with 3 legs ~ “What is on table?” / FRUITS
- **Read Col 1.3-6** ~ Fruit comes from:
 - Living BY faith *past*
 - Living IN love *present*
 - Living WITH hope *future*

We spend a few hours in worship on Sunday / It is not enough

To truly lead Christian lives we must:

Read, Meditate, and Memorize Scripture

We must make it a discipline for life

Live BY faith, live IN love, and live WITH hope

Live IN the Word