Do You Have A Life-Changing Faith? Colossians 1:1-8

"Is Jesus Making A Difference in your life?"

Where we are Individually with Jesus Determines where we are as a CHURCH with Jesus.

Five Questions that will give us an Idea if we have a Life-Changing Faith.

1. IS JESUS THE CENTER OF YOUR FAITH? (vv.3-4a)

- Jesus so *Impacted* this church they *Gained* a reputation for *Faith*.
- Jesus makes a Difference when our faith is centered on HIM.
- For our <u>Church</u> to be known for our <u>Faith</u>, <u>Two Things</u> Must <u>Happen</u>:
- 1. Our faith must become **Evident** in our **Individual** lives.
- 2. Our faith must become **Involved** in the **lives of** Other people.

2. IS YOUR LOVE FOR OTHERS GROWING? (v.4)

- Our Faith will be **Evident** by the **love** you have for **People** in **General**.
- What <u>Excuse</u> do you come up with <u>NOT</u> to <u>Love Someone</u>?
- When Jesus is <u>Making A Difference</u>, it <u>SHOWS</u> by how you <u>Love</u> the brethren! (1 John 2:9-11)

DOES YOUR FAITH REST IN THE HOPE OF HEAVEN? (v.5)

- The Colossians were <u>Motivated</u> by <u>Where</u> their <u>HOPE</u> was <u>Placed</u>.
- Faith is always Based in Hope. (1 Peter 1:3-4)
- The Christian is willing to <u>PAY now & <u>RECEIVE</u> it later. (Romans 8:18)</u>

4. IS GOD'S WORD PENETRATING YOUR LIFE? (v.6)

- "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
- Where ever the gospel seed is <u>Sown</u>, FRUIT <u>Grows</u>.
- Part of the <u>Reason</u> a <u>Church</u> STOPS <u>Growing</u> is because <u>Individuals</u> within that church <u>STOP Growing!</u>

5. ARE YOU MAKING A DIFFERENCE? (vv.7-8)

- Epaphras is called a <u>Fellow Servant</u> who is a <u>Faithful Minister</u>...Are You?
- You cannot <u>Teach</u> what you do not <u>Know</u> & you cannot <u>Know</u> what you do not <u>Study!</u>
- Is Jesus Making A Difference in your life?
- Will you <u>GET</u> on the path that <u>Allows</u> your faith to be a <u>Life-Changing Faith?</u>