

Col 1:5 (& whole chap 1)  
"Great Expectations"

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## 1. Introduction

a. Context (vs. 3-4) Paul gives thanks  
- prayers for them of faith & love

b. Expectations

## 2. Upward Hope (vs. 5)

a. Earnest Expectation

- Hope & trust in God  
- also future hope in heaven

b. Hope shapes Christian perspective

- gospel teaches Christian to  
future eternal life

- gospel is God's word of truth

- Heb 6:19 hope is anchor of the  
soul

## 3. Inward Prayer (vs. 9)

a. Prayers

- Eph chap 1 & 3 (1:16)

- Col. chap 1

b. Paul's prayers constant

- vs. 4 praying always for you

- vs. 8 Paul hears of their love in Spirit

- vs. 4 Paul hears of love all saints

c. Prayer was specific

- that Christian would be filled  
with knowledge of God's will

- to know God's will in all wisdom &  
spiritual understanding

d. Heb 7:25 Jesus ever lives to make  
intercession for Christian

#### A. Outward Ministry (vs. 27~~3~~, 29)

- a. End goal is glory to God
  - Christ in you (Christian)
  - Christ is hope of glory
  - Christian's future glory
    - \* new body in heaven
    - \* living in eternal light
- b. Gospel brings forth fruit (vs. 6-7)
  - Col 1:10 walk worthy of the Lord
    - \* fruitful in every good work
    - \* increasing in knowledge of God
  - faithful minister
- c. Rest in power of Jesus' strength
  - God enables Christian's action in God's calling
- d. Rejoice in Christ's actions in your life
  - Jn 15:5 Jesus is the true vine & all Christians are the branches