

COMPLETE IN CHRIST

COLOSSIANS 1:1-8

HEAVENLY HOPE OR WORLDLY PESSIMISM

THERE IS NO BOOK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, INCLUDING JOHN'S GOSPEL, WHICH PRESENTS SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST.
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Worldly pessimism

- drains gratitude
- barren and damaging
- obsessed with bad news

Biblical answer?



Heavenly hope creates thanksgiving

- Paul thanks God for the Colossian's faith and love
- Paul thanks God for the Colossian's heavenly hope

CULTURAL PESSIMISM WILL DRAG YOU DOWN IN DISCONTENT, BUT HEAVENLY HOPE WILL LIFT YOU UP WITH GRATITUDE.

Here and now?



Get and grow in Gospel-fertilized heavenly hope to increase fruitfulness and gratitude.



Heavenly hope is announced in the Gospel

- Hope is heard in the Gospel
- Hope is the gift of God

BE OBSESSED WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF THE BIBLE, NOT THE BAD NEWS OF THE MEDIA

Action?



Heavenly hope is productive

- Hope produces fruit in individuals
- Hope produces fruit in the church

DON'T JUST HOPE FOR CHANGE, BUT USE HOPE TO CHANGE YOURSELF, YOUR CHURCH, AND YOUR WORLD.

Get and increase?