



## **Col 1:3-8—How to be continually thankful for God's work**

(1 John 2:23, 5:9-10)

*3 recognitions which cultivate continual thankfulness to God  
for his gospel work:*

### **I. Recognizing the foundational fruit of God's gospel work—v.4**

(2 Tim 1:13; Gal 5:5-6; 1 John 4:7-8; Eph 5:1-2)

### **II. Recognizing the imperishable basis of God's gospel work— v.5a**

(1 Thess 1:2-3, 5:8; 1 Pet 1:3-4; 1 John 3:2-3)

### **III. Recognizing the ordained means of God's gospel work— vv.5b-8**

i. Faith comes by hearing truth—vv.5b-6c

(1 Pet 5:9 (cf. John 12:19))

ii. Growth comes by true knowledge—vv.6d-f

iii. Salvation comes by faithful proclamation—vv.7-8

(Col 4:12-13; Rom 10:14-17)