**Col. 1:5-8  
The Growth of Gospel Fruit**

Intro

**I. THE CONTENT OF THE GOSPEL**

A. Hope (v. 5).

B. Grace (v. 6).

C. Truth (vv. 5, 6).

**II. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL**

A. "Just as in all the world" (v. 6).

B. Hermeneutical principle -

**III. THE FRUIT OF THE GOSPEL**

A. The character.

1) "bearing fruit" - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_WORKING.

2)"increasing" - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_EXPANSION.

3) "constantly" -

B. The cause.

1) God.

a) God has promised His word will never return \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Isa. 55:10-11

b) God is behind all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel. 1 Cor. 3:6-7

2) Epaphras (v. 7).

3) Colossians (v. 6).

**IV. IS THE GOSPEL BEARING FRUIT IN NWBC?**

Common problems.

What can we do?

CONCLUSION