

# “What’s So Great About Being A Christian?”

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GO AGAINST THE FLOW -- Message 1  
Colossians 1:1-7

## 1. We Have A Reason To Be

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Some of Paul’s favorite words: F\_\_\_\_ , H\_\_\_\_ and L\_\_\_\_\_ !

**“ the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven...” Colossians 1:5**

Christ calls us to look beyond our i\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_ .

Hope is the r\_\_\_\_\_ ; faith is the p\_\_\_\_\_ and l\_\_\_\_\_ is the fruit.

Hope is sensible o\_\_\_\_\_ -- confident expectation.

## 2. We Have A Handle On The

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**“... because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus.... in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you.” Colossians 1:4,5,6**

“The test of any religion is not whether it pleases us or is comfortable, but whether it is \_\_\_\_\_!” Dorothy Sayers

The Gnostics were people who thought themselves “in the \_\_\_\_\_” when it came to the deep things of God.

The truth is centered in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

Many people have abandoned the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ truth, believing, instead, in \_\_\_\_\_ truth.

The difference Christianity offers the world is that we believe that \_\_\_\_\_ Exists!

## 3. We Have The Ability To Get

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**All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you first heard it and understood God’s grace in all its truth.” Colossians 1:6**

The gospel is not merely a social program -- it is the power of God to change people’s \_\_\_\_\_ .

The gospel is the only seed than can be planted \_\_\_\_\_ in the world and it will \_\_\_\_\_ .

More than anything this world has to offer, following Jesus eliminates \_\_\_\_\_ and fills your life with \_\_\_\_\_ .