

Colossians Series

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A landscape photograph showing a field of dark, tilled earth in the foreground, with rows of young trees or plants. In the middle ground, there is a large, rounded hill or mound. The background features a range of mountains under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the upper and middle portions of the image.

COLOSSIANS:
Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

**HOPE: Future Reality, Present
Motivation**

Col. 1:5

Col. 1:3, “We always give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,

Col. 1:4, “since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;

Col. 1:5, “because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,”

Enhanced translation:

We always give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ when we pray for you

- 1. Because we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and**
- 2. Your love for all the saints**
 - a. because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven.**

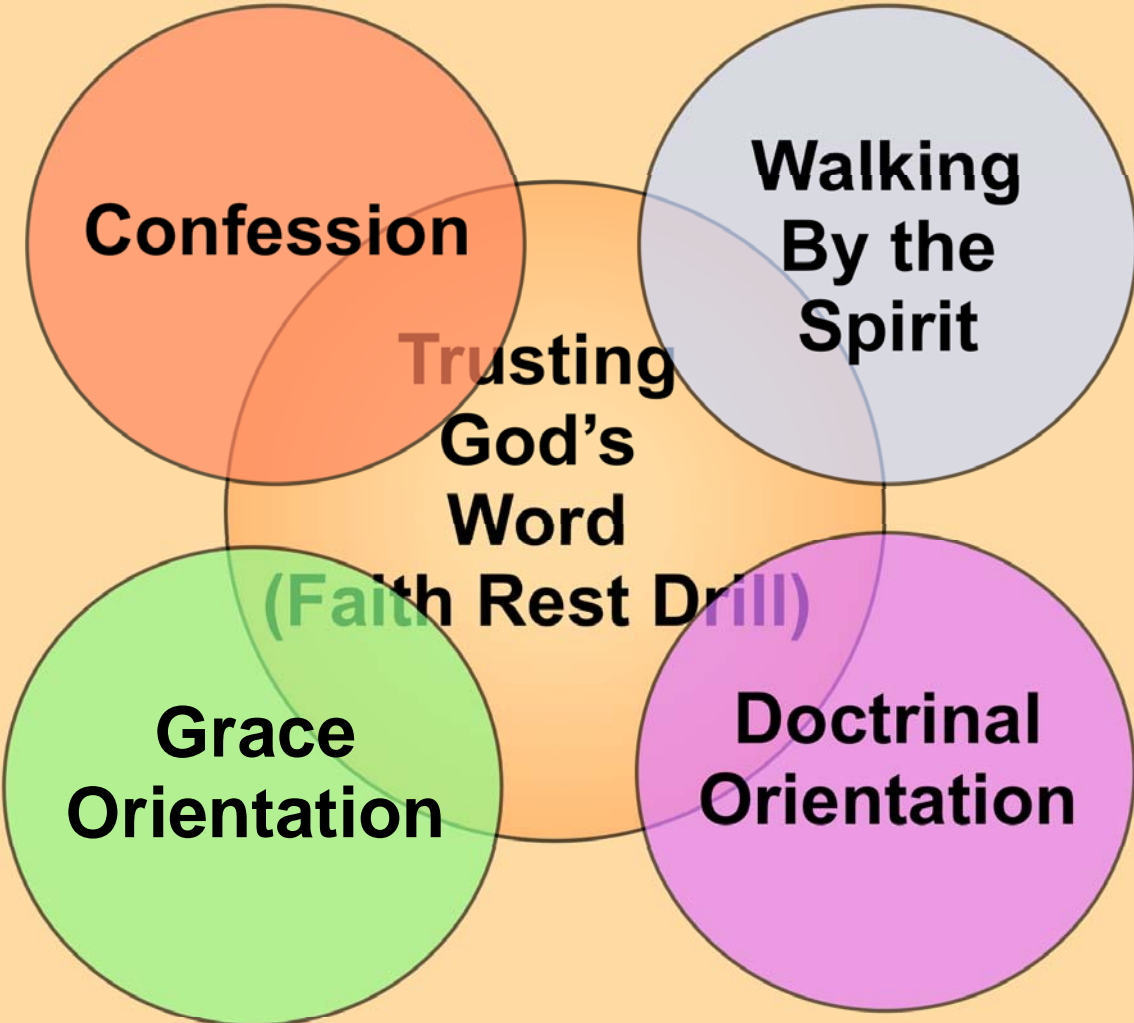
Hope

Confidence in future realities to motivate through present unpleasantness.

FAITH-FOCUSED SPIRITUAL SKILLS

Confession, Walk by the Spirit, Faith Rest Drill,
Grace Orientation, Doctrinal Orientation

The Foundation of Faith



LOVE-FOCUSED SPIRITUAL SKILLS

Personal Love for God, Unconditional Love for All Mankind, Occupation with Christ, Inner Happiness/Tranquility

HOPE

Living today in light of eternity

FAITH-FOCUSED SPIRITUAL SKILLS

Confession, Walk by the Spirit, Faith Rest Drill, Grace Orientation, Doctrinal Orientation

1 Th. 5:8, “But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.”



Rom. 5:3, “And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

Rom. 5:4, “and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Rom. 5:5, “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Col. 1:5, “because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,”

1 Pet. 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again [regenerated us] to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

1 Pet. 1:4, “to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

1 Pet. 1:5, “who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

Eph. 1:18, “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,”

2 Tim. 4:8, “Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”

**Rom. 8:16, “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
Rom. 8:17, “and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.**

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Rom. 8:17, “and if children, then heirs—heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”**

A woman without her man is nothing.

A woman, without her man, is nothing.

A woman, without her, man is nothing.

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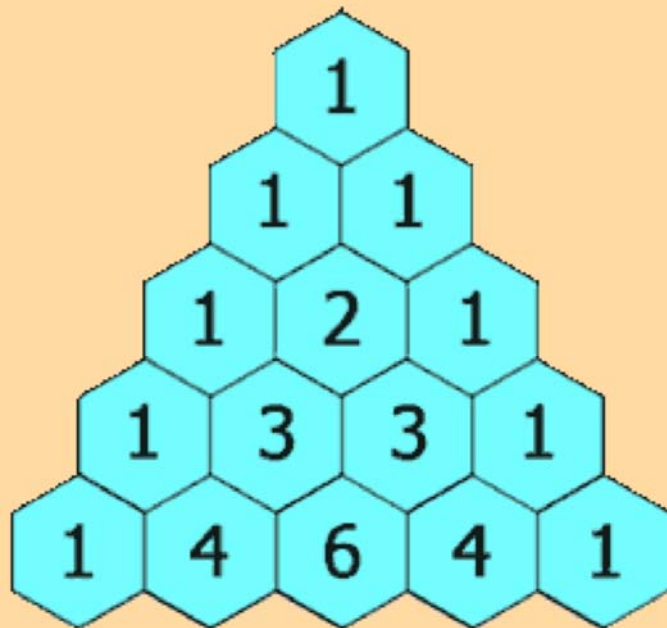
Rom. 8:17, “and if children, then heirs—heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

Two categories of heirs: Heirs of God for all believers, Joint heirs for believers who grow spiritually.

Col. 1:5, “because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,”

“Truth is so obscure in these times and falsehood so established, that unless we love the truth, we cannot know it.”

Blaise Pascal, *Pensees*.



**Blaise Pascal
1623–1662**

Gal. 1:6, “I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

Gal. 1:7, “which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.”

Rom. 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’ ”

John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

Col. 1:6, “which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;”

Col. 1:7, “as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,

Col. 1:8, “who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.”