

## HAVE OTHERS HEARD? Colossians 1:1-8

It was Paul's habit of encouraging the churches to be bold in their witness and to stand firm even in trials. In some special cases he would exhort them from things that had spread throughout Christendom regarding how others were bragging about their Spiritual walk.

### HAVE OTHERS HEARD OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS?

**Col. 1:2; Heb. 10:25** Do your friends and neighbors know that you will be in church every time the church house is open for business? Do they see you as being happy when it's time to serve the Lord?

**Mt. 23:8; Heb. 2:11** Has your family and friends heard you call fellow members of your church 'brother and sister'? Have you explained to a lost person what it takes to be called "brethren" of Christ?

**Jn. 1:12; Gal. 4:5-6** Have others heard that you have been adopted by God and have become one of His children? Have they heard from you how they too can be adopted by God?

### HAVE OTHERS HEARD OF YOUR FAITH?

**Col. 1:4; I Cor. 15:1-4** Have others within your sphere of influence heard that you have a deep commitment and faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and God? Have they heard your testimony?

**John 3:16; 5:24** Has any family and friends been heard telling others that you told them that Jesus came into the world to pay the price for our sins and that by hearing and believing they could be saved?

**Ephesians 2:8-9** Have others been talking about what you said regarding how easy you think it is to go to heaven? Do they gossip about you because of your simple faith in the bible and in Christ?

### HAVE OTHERS HEARD OF YOUR LOVE?

**Col. 1:4; Gal. 6:9-10** When there is a need within the church to serve, sacrifice, or share, does your name immediately come up as one of the faithful ones that has a spiritual love and attitude from God?

**Phil. 15-18; II Cor. 8:1-5** When someone is in desperate need do others have the confidence and belief that you need to be the first to be called because of your unfailing love for the brethren?

**II Timothy 1:16-18** Do you have a reputation of someone who waits to be asked to do something for someone, or do others talk about how you are always looking to give of yourself toward others needs?

### HAVE OTHERS HEARD OF YOUR SPIRITUAL FRUIT?

**Col. 1:6; Gal. 5:22-23** Does your family, friends and brethren at church see a loving, graceful and spiritual brother or sister in your personality? Do you portray a loving, caring, and peaceful believer?

**Jn. 15:1-2; Heb. 13:15** Have others heard about your constant bold witness for Jesus and that many lost souls have come to Christ because of your kind, and loving approach to those who need Christ?

**Three Important Things About Spiritual Fruit: 1. Matthew 7:15-20** The fruit of any tree reveals what the tree really is. **2.** The fruit tree does not bear fruit for itself but it bears fruit for the owner. **3.** In order to bear good fruit, the tree must be watered, purged or pruned, and given proper food, (fertilizer) to produce good fruit.