



Foothill Bible Church

November 3, 2019

EPAPHRAS

A Faithful Minister

Colossians 1:7b-8

There is an overarching emphasis that flows through the entire letter. Thanksgiving is mentioned in every chapter (1:3,12; 2:7; 3:17; 4:2). Thanksgiving is the response of the Christian who sees Jesus in the accurate position of being first.

1A. THE RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING (1:3-4)

2A. THE REASONS FOR THANKSGIVING (1:5-8)

1B. Because of hope, verse 5.

2B. Because of fruit, verse 6.

3B. Because of Epaphras, verses 7-8.

1C. Disciple Maker

2C. Dear Slave

3C. Dependable Minister

1D. Descriptions of Ministry

1E. MINISTRY IS SERVING

2E. MINISTRY IS SERVING FAITHFULLY

2D. Demonstrations of Ministry

1E. SERVING TOGETHER

2E. SERVING IN LOVE

Following the Triumphal Entry, as Jesus would serve us by loving us to the end and going to the cross, He taught us the value of serving. John 12:26 says, *“If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.”*