4 July 2010 - Preached by Pastor Douglas Ho Message Topic: **The Fruit of the Gospel** 

Scripture Text: Colossians 1: 1-8

- 1. The Epistle to the Colossian Christians was written about 30 years after Jesus has resurrected. Paul was in prison when he wrote this Epistle. Though Paul was afflicted with much pain and fear, yet he was faithful and persevered on in the ministry of the Lord.
- 2. In the Epistle, we learned that Paul was praying constantly for the Colossian Christians though he has not met them before. We must learn from the example of Paul to be prayerful for the various ministries of the Lord. Leaders and members must also pray for each other.
- 3. There is also the joy in the heart of Paul when he heard of the stedfast faith of the believers. We must look beyond ourselves to rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep.
- 4. The Christian life is a growing life and a fruit producing life. The spiritual graces of faith, hope and love are evidences of a born again believer.
- 5. Let us pray in faith one for another, hope in the Lord for our eternal Home in Heaven and His sure promises to us, and also have fervent love for the Lord and for one another.