Text: Colossians 1:3-8 (page 983 in pew Bible)
I. The full gospel causes us to live in continuous thanksgiving. vs 3
A. It is a frequent thanksgiving ("always")
B. It is a focused thanksgiving ("for you")
II. The full gospel creates in us faith, love and hope, vs. 4-5
A. God has brought them to faith
B. So that they live a life of love

C. Which is fueled by hope.

III. The full gospel continues to produce growth, vs. 6-7

- **A.** The full gospel grows qualitatively ("bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you"
- **B.** The full gospel grows quantitatively ("which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world")

- C. The full gospel grows through qualified ministers, vs. 7
 - 1. Epaphpras A credible minister
 - 2. The "evangel" (the full gospel) An incredible message!