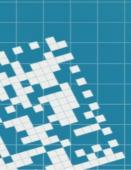
Colossians 1:3-14



- Two things to examine from Paul's epistle:
  - What the **formula** for church growth is- Col. 1:3-8.
  - How the **plan** for church growth is **implemented** Col. 1:9-14.

- Consider a few interesting facts about the plan:
  - It is very <u>simple</u> to <u>explain</u>. Paul makes it <u>clear</u>.
  - The plan is **tried** and **true**. Works all the time.
  - This plan is **backed** by the **Holy Spirit's seal** of **approval**.
  - This plan works at **home** and **abroad**.
  - This plan is <u>repeatable</u>.

• The plan for Church growth is.... HAVE FAITH IN CHRIST HAVE LOVE FOR ALL THE SAINTS HAVE HOPE FOR HEAVEN

The plan for Church growth means that we....

#### 1) FULLY PLEASE CHRIST

- \* Filled with the **knowledge** of his **will**.
- \* **Behave** appropriately.
- \* Complete trust.

- The plan for Church growth means that we....
  - 2) FULLY <u>PRACTICE</u> GOOD WORKS IN <u>LOVE</u>.
    - \* I Cor. 13:4-7
    - \* John 13:34-35
    - \* Col. 3:14

- The plan for Church growth means that we....
  - 3) FULLY PRAISE THE FATHER.
    - \* The inheritance
    - \* The <u>deliverance</u>
    - \* The exaltation
    - \* The forgiveness