

~Listening Guide: Pastor Frank Johnson~
Colossians: Shaped by the Truth of Jesus
"This Is What the Church Really Is!"
Colossians 1:1-8

~Take a closer look~

I. The Church is a fellowship comprised of _____ and _____. vv. 1-2

1. All true followers of Jesus Christ are saints, i.e., "_____ ones."
2. All true followers of Jesus Christ are _____ and _____ of each other.

II. The Church is a fellowship created by _____ and _____. v. 2

1. Grace is the basis of our _____ with Jesus Christ and with each other.
2. Peace is the _____ of God's grace in our lives both as individuals and as a fellowship.

III. The Church is a fellowship known by _____, _____ and _____. vv. 3-5

1. The Church's faith is in _____ alone.
2. The Church's love must be expressed to _____; it is expressed in the realm of the work of God's _____ (v. 7).
3. The Church's hope _____ both faith and love.

IV. The Church is a fellowship shaped by _____ and _____. vv. 5-6

1. It is the _____ of the Good News of Jesus Christ that gives us hope and inspires both faith and love among God's people.
2. This Good News brings about growth both in the _____ and in the _____ who comprise the Church.

V. The Church is a fellowship formed by _____ and _____. vv. 1, 7

1. The Church is based on the _____ of Jesus' apostles.
2. The Church is formed by the _____ of God's servants, such as Paul, Timothy and Epaphras.

~Take it home (applications)~