

1. The way you become part of the family of God is by hearing and understanding \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*Colossians 1:1-8*

gospel (euaggelion) = good news

*Mark 1:15*

<b>The Gospel in Colossians 1:1-14 is:</b>
"the word of the truth, the gospel" (v.5)
"the grace of God in truth" (v.6)
"the hope laid up for you in heaven" (v.5)
"[being qualified] to share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (v.12)
"rescued us from the domain of darkness" (v.13)
"transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son" (v.13)
"in whom we have redemption" (v.14)
"the forgiveness of sins" (v.14)

*Colossians 4:12*

**Evidences of the gospel in our community:**

- i. Faith in Christ Jesus and love for God's people (v.4)
- ii. Hope of Heaven, eternal life with God and his people (v.5)
- iii. The gospel continues to bear fruit and increase among us (v.6)

2. The way you become a part of \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God is through living according to the gospel.

*Colossians 1:9-14*

Knowledge, wisdom and understanding all come through the \_\_\_\_\_, the gospel.

*Colossians 2:8*

*Colossians 2:23*

We need to know God's will so that we live lives worthy of the Lord, pleasing him in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Four ways we should "walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him"

1. "Bearing fruit in every good work" (v.10)
2. "Increasing in the knowledge of God" (v.10)

*John 1:16-18*

*Colossians 1:15*

*Colossians 1:19*

*Colossians 2:2-3*

*Colossians 2:9*

*Colossians 3:11*

3. "Being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy" (v.11)
4. "Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (v.12)

Having heard and understood the gospel (the first step), we must live our lives (walk) in a way that the gospel continues to bear fruit and increase among us (the next steps).