

BREATHING

HOPE

Colossians 1:3-8

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In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

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**What oxygen is to the lungs,
hope is to the meaning of life.**

Emil Brunner

“Dum spiro, spero”
(While I breathe, I hope)

**...the hope stored up (apokeimai) for you in
heaven...**

Rom. 8:32-39

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chose? It is God who justifies!

Who then can condemn? No one! Christ Jesus who died- more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

As it is written:

**“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be
slaughtered.”**

**No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved us.**

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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