## Colossians 1.3-8 Proem Block Diagram Greek Text

## 1 ν.3 Εὐχαριστοῦμεν τῶ θεῶ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ πάντοτε περὶ ὑμῶν προσευχόμενοι, ἀκούσαντες τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν v4 έν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ καὶ τὴν ἀγάπην ην ἔχετε είς πάντας τοὺς ἁγίους ٧5 διὰ τὴν ἐλπίδα τὴν ἀποκειμένην บ้นเึง έν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, ην προηκούσατε έν τῷ λόγῳ τῆς ἀληθείας τοῦ εὐαγγελίου τοῦ παρόντος v6 είς ὑμᾶς, έν παντὶ τῶ κόσμω καθώς καί... έστὶν καρποφορούμενον καὶ αὐξανόμενον καθώς καὶ έν ὑμῖν, άφ' ἧς ἡμέρας ήκούσατε καὶ ἐπέγνωτε τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ έν άληθεία. καθώς ἐμάθετε v7 ἀπὸ Ἐπαφρᾶ τοῦ ἀγαπητοῦ συνδούλου ἡμῶν, ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν ὄς ἐστιν πιστὸς...διάκονος τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὑμῶν ν8 ό καὶ δηλώσας ἡμῖν τὴν...ἀγάπην

Note the one main idea of giving thanks to God, and how this core concept is elaborated extensively by a series of mostly adverbial modifiers. Hearing is the primary secondary concept. First, in v. 4, it's Paul's hearing, but then in vv. 5-8 it is the hearing of the Gospel message preached by Epaphras to the Colossians. The role of hope as foundational to faith and love is very important to this hearing of the Gospel. The impeachable character of Epaphras sustained his initial ministry of Gospel preaching at Colossae and then later his reporting of all this to the apostle Paul upon his arrival at Caesarea where Paul was a prisoner. It is important to remember that this lengthy sentence is in the form of a prayer of thanksgiving for the Colossians being made regularly to God by Paul and Timothy. The concept of salvation, both human and divine aspects, is laid out in outline manner here.

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