

“Life Change” (Colossians 1:1-8)

“So you have everything when you have Christ” Col.2:10a LB

“In Him you have been made complete.” Col.2:10a NAS

C.S. Lewis — “He who has God and everything else has no more that he who has God only.”

A.W. Tozer — “The man who has God as his treasure has all things in one.”

Author: 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-19

Audience: 2 To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. Col.2:3-4

Agenda: pre-em-i-nence noun

1. the fact of surpassing all others; superiority, sufficiency, and satisfaction. Col.2:10, 3:11

DOCTRINE: Christ’s Preeminence Declared (1)

DANGER: Christ’s Preeminence Defended (2)

DUTY: Christ’s Preeminence Displayed (3-4)

NOTHING BRINGS LIFE CHANGE LIKE THE GOSPEL:

Rom1:16

What is the Gospel? vv2b, 5b, 6c

Two Parts: I’m more sinful than I ever want to think.

I was so sinful Jesus had to die for me. Rom.3:23, 1:25

I’m more loved than I ever dared to dream or imagine.

Jesus loved me so much He wanted to die for me. Rom.6:23, 5:8

The Gospel is the good news that God has reconciled to Himself by sending His Son to die in our place for our sins and all who repent and believe in Him have everlasting life. 1Tim.2:5-6; John 3:16; 1Pet.1:8

How Does the Gospel Change Us? It must be...

- Proclaimed v7; Rom.10:14-15
- Heard v6; Gr. to perceive or comprehend.
- Understood v6; Gr. Epiginosko = not just information but accurate and thorough intimacy. John 17:3
- Learned vv7, 6; Gr. to increase one’s knowledge. 1Pet.1:10,12

What Difference will the Gospel Make? vv3-5

- Faith in Christ Jesus. Heb.11:1, 6; Phil.3:10-11
- Love for all the saints. Eph.5:1-2; 1John 3:16
- Hope of Heaven. Phil.1:21; Matt.6:19-21; Mark 8:36

Growing Notes

- 1) What does it mean that “you have everything when you have Christ” (Col.2:10a LB)? What difference would that make in your life if you really believed that?
- 2) Read Colossians 1:1-8. Who is the Author, Audience, and Agenda to this letter? What does it mean that Christ is preeminent (Col.2:10, 3:11)? What does it mean that nothing brings life change like the Gospel (Rom.1:16)?
- 3) What is the Gospel (vv2, 5, 6)? What are the two parts to the Gospel? What happens if you lose one or the other part of the Gospel? Take a moment and articulate the gospel?
- 4) What are the four things that must happen for the Gospel to transform someone’s life? Why must the gospel be proclaimed? What is the difference between hearing, understanding, and learning the Gospel?
- 5) What difference will the Gospel make in a person’s life (vv3-5)? What does faith, love and hope look like in a person’s life? Have you put your faith in Jesus (Rom.10:9-10)? Pray.

db events

- > **E-MAIL UPDATE:** Please update your e-mail so we can send out end-of -year Giving Statements! Fill out a comment card and drop it in the offering box! Thanks!
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- > **MEN'S 33 – Volume 2:** Begins **Sat 1/8, 8am** in the Breezeway. Cost is \$20 for the book. Register @ dbcc.com!
- > **CAR SHOW:** In the parking lot, **Sat 1/15, 8a-2p.** Fun, Cars & Food Trucks! Check out the flyer in this bulletin!
- > **JESUS & WOMEN:** 7 weeks starts **1/19, 6:30pm.** \$5 cost + buy your own book by Kristi McLelland (amazon). Register Now! (Childcare available, but space is limited to 10!)
- > **DBKIDS: Parents Night Out,** Thursday, **1/20, 5-8p.** Register Now!
- > **DBKIDS: Volunteer Family Picnic** 1/22 @ Paseo Highlands Park. Save the Date! Details coming soon!
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- > **ANOMALY CAMPS: HS WINTER CAMP** January 28-30. \$150. **JR HIGH WINTER CAMP @ UCYC,** Feb 4-6. \$150. Register for both now with Jayse! Space is limited!
- > **FOOD PANTRY:** **11:30a, Thursdays** in the Community Hall.
- > **PRAYER NIGHT:** **6p Sunday Evenings** in the Central Lobby
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How we are Made Complete in Christ.

TEACHING
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Jan 15/16 How to Thrive (Col 1:9-14)
Jan 22/23 The Meaning of Life (1:15-17)

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.
Budget Results for January 1 & 2
General Giving
Budget \$25,000 - Actual \$25,001

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