

Review of Colossians 1-2

TO LIVE *THE* LIFE

How to Listen to a Sermon

- ◆ Forget about the servant, listen for the Master
- ◆ Four essential questions
 1. What is God saying to me
 2. What is He calling me to believe, do or be
 3. What would stop me
 4. Who can help me

Background Facts

- ◆ Paul's relationship with the church at Colosse
- ◆ The influence of Gnosticism

Chapter 1

Paul & the church

- ◆ 1:3-8 PAUL'S PRAISE OF THE CHURCH
 - ◆ Reminded of our true identity
- ◆ 1:9-14 PAUL'S PETITION
 1. That they will grow in the knowledge of God (9)
 2. That they will please God (10a)
 3. That they will bear fruit(10b)

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- 4. That they will be strengthened by God (11)
- 5. That they will be thankful to God (12-14)
- ◆ Paul's passion and purpose (24-29)
 - 1. The essence – Christ in you, the hope of glory (24-27)
 - 2. The purpose – To present them to God, perfect in their relationship with Christ (28-29)

Chapter 1

Jesus and the church

- ◆ 1:15 Who Christ is
- ◆ 1:16-23 What Christ has done
 - A. 20 Jesus is preeminent in creation
 - B. 21-23 Jesus is preeminent in redemption

Chapter 2

Paul's desire for the church

- A. 1-2a Encouraged and united in love
- B. 2b-3 For *complete* understanding
- C. 4-5 To guard against deception
- D. 6-7a Keep on growing
- E. 7b To keep on rejoicing

Chapter 2

Paul's warnings (fiction & facts)

- A. Gnosticism (8-10)
- B. Legalism (11-17)
- C. Mysticism (18-19)
- D. Asceticism (20-23)

Chapter 3

So what

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Sow What?

- ◆ If you were asked to pick one word that would describe who Jesus is to you what word would you choose? Why?
- ◆ How is your life different because of your relationship with Jesus?