



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 1st November 2020
Series- The Supremacy of Christ prt 2
(Colossians)

The Supremacy of Christ

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2-3

1. A suffering servant for the sake of the church. (Colossians 1:24-29)

2. Contending for the goal of a Christlike community. (Colossians 2:2-3)

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Colossians 1:24-26. What does Paul mean by verses 24-5? Why has he suffered and to what end? What do you think he means by the phrase- "I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions."
2. Read Colossians 1:26-29. What is "the mystery" to which Paul refers? For what purpose does Paul proclaim, admonish and teach? What is the source of Paul's strength to contend?
3. Read Colossians 2:1-3. What was Paul's goal for the Colossian community?
4. Read Colossians 2:1-7. What does Paul reveal about Christ in these verses? What does verse 4 reveal about Paul's motive?

B. Meditation & application

5. What does this whole passage of scripture teach us about Paul and his ministry?
6. What does this whole passage of scripture teach us about Christ?
7. What does Paul want to accomplish among the Colossian church? What is his goal for them?
8. How does Paul reveal to us the nature of Christian ministry and how should we apply this to our own lives and practice of the faith?
9. I suspect that verses 6 & 7 reveal part of Paul's ultimate goal in this section. What does Paul want the Colossians to continue in? How could this point to his ultimate concerns? What then- could Paul be saying to us?

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- We pray that you might help us see the sufficiency of Christ. Help us to continue in him and grow up in him? Keep us from falling for "fine sounding arguments"- help us to be go all the way with Christ. In his Name- Amen.