

“What Faith in Jesus Looks Like” 2/7/21

Colossians 1:1-8

Studies in Colossians- “The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus”

Jesus is the Supreme: Creator (1:16-17); King (1:13); Savior/Redeemer (1:14); Image of God (1:16); Sustainer of all things (1:17); Head of the church (1:18); Firstborn of the Resurrection (1:18); Reconciler (1:20); Sanctifier (1:22); Hope (1:27); Power (1:29); Ruler over heavenly host (2:10); Possessor of all wisdom and knowledge (2:3); Deity (2:9); Victor (2:14-15); Fulfillment of God’s Word (2:16-17); Teacher (3:16); Rewarder (3:24); Master (4:1) and sits at right hand of God in no greater position (2:3). How is that for a résumé?

LESSON 1- Faith in Jesus is rooted in the gracious WILL of God

- A. Paul’s faith was given to Him even though he wasn’t SEARCHING
(Acts 9; Romans 10:20; John 6:37; Eph 2:1-3; Rom 3:10-11; **Matt 11:27**)

Discipleship Moment *A disciple will be humble in recognizing their gifted salvation!*

LESSON 2- Faith in Jesus is rooted in His Person, Promises, and FRUIT

- A. Faith in Jesus adopts us into a holy and faithful family, but in the world.
(1 Peter 1:15-16; Hebrews 11:6; Rom 14:23; Matt 25:21; Matt 5:16)
- B. Faith in Jesus opens us up to His Grace and PEACE
(Grace- Rom 8:31; Eph 2:8-9; **2 Cor 12:9**; Peace- Phil 4:6-7; John 14:27)
- C. Faith in Jesus is demonstrated most importantly by LOVE
(**1 Corinthians 13:1-8a**; 1 Peter 4:8; John 13:35)
- D. Faith in Jesus is demonstrated because we trust in His HOPE
(Hebrews 11:6; 13:5; Luke 1:37; Is Jesus all those things above to you?)
What are we really saying when we complain? Lament? Despair?
- E. Faith in Jesus is shown as we grow in the fruit of the SPIRIT
(Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:5-8; Service- John 15:16)
- F. Faith in Jesus is always evidenced by faithful SERVANTS
(Ephesians 4:12-16; 1 Corinthians 3:6-7; Have you thanked them?)

Discipleship Moment *A disciple will continue to LEARN and Grow in their fruit!*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples