



GATEWAY
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

“Who is Jesus?”

And why does it matter?

Colossians 1:3-8

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† A memorial for 9/11

The Impact of the Good News

Colossians 1:3-5

⇒ Good things happen with Good habits. V3

✓ Learn to talk with God habitually. V3

Why pray? Here is why I do: Because God can change things!

1) God can change my circumstances.

Have you prayed and had God change a circumstance in your life?

2) God can change my attitude. v3

Why is Paul thanking God instead of the people?

Because God is the active change agent in their lives.

One of the tools Paul uses in his Chat with God about people is:

The Power of Thanksgiving - Col 1:12; 2:7; 3:15,17; and 4:2.

Paul thanks God for their **Faith** in Christ – and it was public!
Colossians 1:7-8

Paul thanked God for Their **Love** for God’s people and how they cared for one another.

Join a LifeGroup to care and share with new friends.

Colossians 1:6

✓ *The Good News Changes lives.*

Do you need some change in your life today?

⇒ One step of faith today can change your whole life.

Next: 9/18 #3 Col. 1:9-14 Growing by Prayers. (*Praying with a clue*)

Life Group Outline- Who is Jesus, Why does it matter?

Fellowship and Praises-

Take **20-30 minutes** to share what God has been doing in own lives this last week.

Bible verse memorization: *Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,* Colossians 1:15 (NLT)

What information about Jesus is contained in this verse?

Bible Study Exercise: Read Colossians 1:3-8

How has your relationship with Jesus changed you for the better?

Share the last time you prayed and God changed a circumstance in your life.

What inhibits you from praying about circumstances in your life and how can you change to make sure the lines of communication with God stay open?

Read all these verses in Colossians 1:12; 2:7; 3:15 & 4:2

Why is thanksgiving such an important part of prayer?

How does being thankful make a difference in your attitude even while you are in a bad situation?

Faith in Jesus creates a love for others. How is my faith in Jesus being demonstrated by loving others?

Why is praying for someone to be changed by God and acting in love towards that person before you share the Good News of Jesus with them a good plan?

Prayer Time-

Going Deeper: Read Romans 1:1-17

This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." Vs. 17

Real Application: The Good News of Jesus changes lives.

Who is Jesus- The Impact of the Good News

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Monday 9/12- Read Colossians 1:3-8

Question: What can you expect when you put your faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ?

Truth: *which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News. Vs.5*

Meditate: Colossians 1:6- *This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.*

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the change that Jesus has made in my life.

Action: Pray to understand God's will for my life.

What is God instructing me to do:

Tuesday 9/13- Read Romans 5:1-11

Question: How did God demonstrate his love for all sinners?

Truth: *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Vs. 8*

Meditate: Romans 5:1- *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

Prayer: Lord, you have love for all people. Help me demonstrate my love to sinners too.

Action: *Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

I will demonstrate my love for others by:

Wednesday 9/14- Read Acts 4:1-22

Question: Why is having faith in Jesus so important?

Truth: *Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." V. 12*

Meditate: Acts 4:13- *When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.*

Praise: Thank you Lord for your love and forgiveness of my sins.

Action: *As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:21*

What God is telling me:

Thursday 9/15- Read 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Question: How will God respond when I put my hope in Him?

Truth: *but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Vs. 17*

Meditate: 1 Timothy 6:6- *But godliness with contentment is great gain.*

Prayer: Lord, thank you for giving me all I need to enjoy this life.

Action: Share the hope of God with others.

I will be rich in good deeds today by:

Friday 9/16- Read 1 Peter 1:1-25

Question: What is the end result of living by faith in Jesus?

Truth: *for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Vs. 10*

Meditate: 1 Peter 1:22- *Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart*

Prayer: Father God, help me learn to love you and love others better.

Action: Partner with God each day and seek to save the lost.

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