

Sermon Reflections

All-Sufficient Savior - Colossians 2:6-15

Summary: There's no shortcuts to spiritual maturity. Pursue Jesus - alone, growing and guarding your faith by a continual gaze at His Gospel

Because Christ is the sole source of spiritual life...

1. Never quit - grow in deeper devotion (Col 2:6-7)

- Verse 6 begins with a command to “walk” in Christ. Where else in Scripture do we see this same command? Read Romans 6:4. How is “walking in Christ” a helpful encouragement for cultivating a deeper devotion to Christ?
- In what ways is verse 7 an important description of the characteristics of our “walk” in Christ...is your “walk” rooted and built upon Him? Is your “walk in Christ” filled with thanksgiving? If not, why? How can a heart of thanksgiving be cultivated?

2. Never sleep - guard against deceptive doctrine. (Col 2:8-10)

- Read also 1 Tim 6:20-21. In what ways are deceptive and false doctrines destructive to the Church. Have you or, have you known others who have been tempted or lead astray by deceptive or false teachings? How do Paul's warnings help us to avoid being deceived?
- What “fullness” is being described in v. 9? Why is the deity and divinity of Christ an important and inseparable part of being “filled” with Christ as described in verse 10 (see also verse 1:19-20)? How can these truths be helpful when overcome with the emotion of anxiety and the feeling of inadequacy?

3. Never forget - gaze often at the death delivering of Gospel. (Col 2:11-15)

- In verse 11, Who does this spiritual work of circumcision? What is being cleansed and dealt with by this work? What is the result?
- The “life from death, new birth” that occurs at conversion is a picture of what aspect of the life of Christ? Why is it so important to our spiritual growth (v.13)? Describe what it means in your life to be “made alive together with Christ”?
- There is great hope to be found in the truths of verses 14-15; Our sin debt is paid, and the power of death is no more! Pray for a renewal of this hope as we gaze often in thankful consideration of the All-Sufficient Savior!