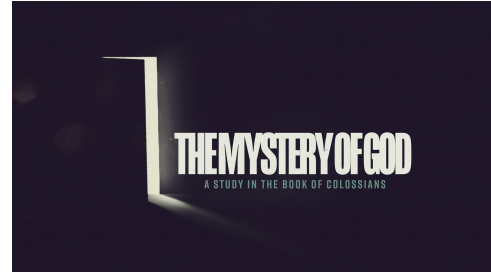


LG Questions

Spring 24 Wk 2



Big Idea: *Jesus has nailed our sin and the empty philosophy's of this world to the cross and triumphed over our enemy.*

Read Colossians 2:6-15

6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. 9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. 11 In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

- 1. Paul wants believers in Colossae to be “rooted and built up...strengthened in Christ”. What do you think being rooted, built up, and strengthened in Christ looks like today? Would you consider yourself to be rooted, built up, and ? Why or why not?**
- 2. When Paul says that believers ought to be overflowing with thankfulness he is speaking of an abundance of gratitude. On a scale of 1 to 10 how thankful do you think the church in America is with its thankfulness? Grace Bible Church? Explain.**
- 3. Paul warns the church not to let anyone take them “captive” with “hollow and deceptive” philosophies (the answer to “why you live your life the way you live it”) How do you know when a philosophy (good or bad) has taken you captive?**
- 4. Circumcision and Baptism were two physical practices that pointed to spiritual truths (circumcision represents the defeat of the sinful nature through Christ)**

and (baptism represents an identification with Christ). Influencers were telling people to be “more spiritual” and/or a “better person” they needed Christ and circumcision... and some form of baptism. Paul minimized the importance of these two practices, clarifying that Christ alone is enough. What views, opinions, life style habits, and practices do we elevate to the point of judging someone’s spiritual maturity in the church today?

- 5. When Christ died on the cross he nailed our sins and the false philosophies of this world to the cross. Disarming their guilt and power. What lies and empty thoughts have you been set free from? How are you different?*

Prayer Time: Spend time rebuking the lies of Satan and reminding him that Jesus triumphed over his lies and twisted worldviews.