We Proclaim Him

1. Colossian 1:28 - 28 And we proclaim _____, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man ________ in Christ. NASB

2. This Colossian heresy was a mixture of the ________ of the Judaizers and also an early form of the Gnostic ___________. These deceptions were meant to distract the church from the ______________ of Christ and the Gospel.

3. Paul has a particular focus to re-orient the church on the simplicity of the ________ and of Jesus as the Saviour and pre-eminent ____, and our relation to Him in the Church.

4. This is what we call “________ with Christ.” We are in Him and He is __________ us. In fact this is one of the most profound realities of the Christian Faith. You don’t just get saved, better than that, you get ________ and He gets you. When you become a Christian, you become a member of His family, His own ________, His “church.”

5. We have entered into a vital union with Christ and this is lived out in our _______ to Him and the rest of His family the _______. Our place in the church has been purchased by the precious blood of Christ and our participation in Him as His members, His children, His servants is ________ to our role as Christians, and fulfilling the purpose He has for each one of us, according the gifts and callings He has given each one.

6. See here church, we are a gathering of people who have been redeemed from our _____ deeds and hostility against God, having been given peace with God and washed so clean as to be _______ and blameless before Him, because of the wondrous love of the cross of Jesus. This is _______ we are, “the Church!” We are partakers together in the glorious mystery of redeemed people, snatched out of the world of sin and shame and set apart by God as __________ very own people.

7. This is because the Word of God is ________ to the life and worship of the church. It is our heavenly ________, our spiritual nourishment, our guide, our __________ and our great pursuit.

8. In Reformed theology we call this the Regulative __________ of worship. It is to…

_______ the Bible – In public worship
_______ the Bible – To give the meaning with passion and clarity
_______ the Bible – To come to God on His terms according to His Word
_______ the Bible – To magnify and ascribe worth to God in the ways He has defined
_______ the Bible – In the ordinances, Baptism and the Lord’s Table

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9. Learn here then church, that God has __________ a very specific way to be worshipped in the Church in Scripture, particularly in the New Testament, and charged the __________ of the Church to administer the worship in this way. See here why, at Heritage Christian Fellowship, these are the __________ of our worship.

10. Romans 16:25-26 - 25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been ______ secret for long ages past, 26 but now is ______________, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the ________, leading to obedience of faith; NASB

11. See here the very heart of the __________ that believing the Gospel has upon us. We enter into a vital Union with Christ, that is, “Christ in you!” And this Paul says is “the ______ of glory!” See here when you become a Christian and enter into the fellowship of the church, it is because Christ has entered you, Christ is _____ you, and this IS “the hope of glory.”

12. This Paul describes as “the hope of glory.” That is, it is the hope of living as __________ beings in the glorious Kingdom of God, in the glorious __________ of God, in a New Heavens and Earth wherein there is no sin but only glory and bliss __________ and ever, world without end.

13. See here our basic philosophy of ministry at Heritage Christian Fellowship and what it is that we proclaim and why. “We _________ Him,” because it is all about Him. This is to say we are _______ centered, and Gospel centered because Christ and the Gospel is at the center of God’s reason and __________ for creating the world.

14. The world exists for the _______ of God and His own __________ to manifest His own nature and excellency as God. God made the world for His own purpose and chief among that is to _________ and call out a people for his very own possession to lavish the riches of His grace upon forever and ever. And this He does through _________ and Work of Jesus the Christ and King of the Ages, and His Gospel of free grace.

15. Let us see in this text a ______ for the next 15 years of our worship together as Christ’s holy Church. Let us fix the Word of God as frontlets __________ our eyes, and let us see in it the glory of God _____ is Jesus the Christ. And let us live in the freedom and holiness that He gives to us in our vital _______ with Him. And let us have ready hearts and minds to hear and _______ His holy Word, as we eagerly await His soon return in power and glory.

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