We Proclaim Him
Colossians 1:28-2:14

In our text today then we will see to important things;

- 1:28-2:5 – Christ, God’s Wisdom
- 2:6-14 - Christ our completeness

1. Salvation in Christ is a very ___________ thing and the only way you can get it is by coming to Jesus Himself, with all of your self-centered ____ and failures, and allowing Him to take the burden of that wretched life of sin from you and ____ with it on the Cross. This then frees you to live a new life of virtue in His power and by His wisdom, having been forgiven of sin and made acceptable to God __________ His cleansing.

2. Christ __________ is sufficient to save you, and that He can do to the uttermost, and you simply receive this with a ___________ heart by faith. Believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ, and you _____ be saved. And so Paul explains the simplicity of the Gospel here, “we proclaim Him.”

3. This is the pattern for all ___________ ministry in the church because it is in and through the admonishment and teaching of the ________ of God and the wisdom of God, that Christians are brought to __________.

4. The more deeply you come to ________ Jesus personally, by spiritual ___________ and understanding through the Word of God, the more ______________ your life is built up into Him.

5. Coming to ________ Christ better, and being “knit together” with the ________ of the church in love, encourages our faith and builds us up. This grows and flourishes as we come to ____________ God, and His Kingdom and His purposes better, through His wisdom imparted by understanding the Word.

6. The better we come to know Jesus, who is God’s Wisdom, the greater our ___________ of God’s love and forgiveness, His peace and ____________, and the joy of being in union with Him. This encourages our hearts as He fills us with powerful fruits and virtues from the Holy Spirit in greater degree as we come to comprehend and ________ His wisdom better.

7. In Colossae they were actually teaching that one must ______ certain aspects of the Mosaic _____ in the Old Testament in order to be saved. You must follow the dietary requirements, and you must keep the Sabbath and the feasts in order to be ________.

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8. Instead of focusing you on the glory of Christ’s free and perfection, and Christ’s requirements for godly Practices that we do out of gratitude, (having been saved not in order to be saved), they enslave you to Practices that aren’t even given by Christ or the Apostles.

9. Mark 7:18-23 - 18 And He said to them, "Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside defile him; 19 because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated? "(Thus He declared foods clean.) 20 And He was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what the man. 21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, 22 deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. 23 "All these things proceed from within and defile the man." NASB

10. Any attempt to to Christ’s righteousness which is ours by faith, is blasphemy against God because it is in effect saying that what Christ has done is sufficient to fully reconcile us to God. This is the lie of all religions in the world, that you can somehow the favor of God, or ascend to the divine life by human effort. No, rather you are complete in Christ.

11. powerfully performed this circumcision, making our hearts pure by His when we were born again by the Holy Spirit. This we call , which Paul now highlights in verse 13.

12. See here that salvation is a supernatural act of performed on spiritually people by God’s own will and power. This is what Jesus meant by, “you must be born again” (John 3:3). In other words God must save you and make you alive because you have no to do this on your own.

13. God can raise us from the dead because no longer has any power to hold us because Jesus has paid the price of death for our sins. And therefore the of God can no longer condemn us for sin because Jesus has “it out” and “taken it out of the way” and “nailed it to the cross.”

14. Ephesians 2:8-9 - 8 For by you have been saved through; and that not of yourselves, it is the of God; 9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast. NASB

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