

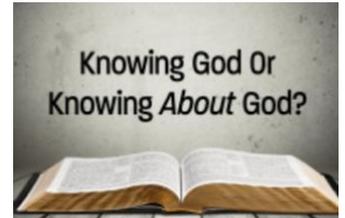
LEARN IT! FIT IT! LIVE IT! DON'T FORGET IT!

Keeping the One Main the Main Thing Colossians 1:9-14/ A Prayer for Life Change

Romans 15:4, "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us. The Scriptures gives us strength to go on. They cheer us up and give us hope." (NIRV)
Learn it! The Word of God is how God has chosen to communicate to us His people. To know what God wants us to do in life, we must first read and study His Word.

1. We are continuing our sermon series in the book of Colossians *Keeping the Main One (Jesus) the Main Thing*. The main focus of the book of Colossians is Jesus Christ the Lord and His rule and reign over all creation. With His death, burial, and resurrection, He secured our citizenship as sons and daughters fulfilling the commitment of the Covenant of Grace. We are reunited in Him to our Father. In Christ, we are complete, securing our fellowship with God and also fulfilling all of our needs for life and godliness. We can and will find complete satisfaction if we live for Him alone.
2. **Sunday Sermon Notes/ Colossians 1:9-14/ A Prayer for Life Change**
 - I. The Central Request: Filled with God: vs. 9
 - a. Decretive Will of God: Ephesians 1:5
 - I. Decretive- His will or purpose that is never frustrated in any event. This is God's sovereign will. He alone can determine everything that will come to pass.
 - b. Moral Will of God: 1 Thess. 4:3
 - I. Moral Will- His command to act in a certain way.

"What were we made for? To know God. What aim should we have in life? To know God. What is the eternal life that Jesus gives? To know God. What is the best thing in life? To know God. What in humans gives God most pleasure? Knowledge of Himself...**But there is a difference between knowing about God and knowing God.**" – J.I. Packer



- II. The Purpose: To Please God
 - a. A life of continuous _____: vs. 10
 - b. A life of joy-filled _____: vs. 11
 - c. A life of _____: vs. 12-14

*To read more about God's decretive and moral will, see John Piper's article entitled: [God's Moral Will and Sovereign Will](#)

06.21.20 Service Songs

Opening Songs: *Great Things* by Phil Wickham, *Jesus at the Center* by Israel and New Breed, *Great is Thy Faithfulness* by Chisholm and Runyan

Great is Thy Faithfulness's first verse is a simple expression of God's unchanging faithfulness, based on Lamentations 3:22 (KJV): "It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. "Verse 2 continues with an expression of God's faithfulness to us in the natural world He created—the changing of the seasons, the movements of the celestial bodies—all joining together in praise to their Creator. The final verse declares the testimony of peace that comes through redemption, God's abiding presence in our daily lives, and the blessed hope of heaven. Looking back on the writing of the hymn, Chisholm recalled in 1941, "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. Although I must not fail to record here the unflinching faithfulness of a covenant keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness." Retrieved from Lifeway.com on 06.17.20.

3. **Weekly Family Devotions:** Review Learn it! Fit it! Live it! Don't Forget it! sections with your family, rehearsing the truth of God's Word from Sunday morning into your daily lives. These sections help us to learn the truth in God's Word, apply it to our hearts, live it out in our daily lives, and then remember that God is our great, ever-promise keeping God.
 - a. Read Colossians 1:9-14.
 - b. The city of Colossae was located in modern day Turkey. Similar to New York City, Colossae was a center of commerce for the modern-day world, which was declining in importance when Paul wrote the letter. Many people lived within the metropolis, combining Greeks, Romans, and Jews in one city. The church and its people struggled in the middle of the city to keep Christ central, allowing the culture to seep into the congregation. They were struggling with following the Old Testament laws of the Jewish religion, which Jesus had fulfilled; the pagan practices of the Romans and the Greeks with angel worship and humanism (worshipping man instead of God).
 - c. Main Theme: Jesus is the center of our life. He is enough.
 - d. In verse 9, what does Paul tell the church of Colossae that he is doing for them? What is he praying for?
 - e. In verse 10-12, for what purposes is Paul praying for the church to be filled with knowledge of God's will?
 - f. In verses 13-14, why does Paul know that they can bear fruit, endure joyfully, and live a thankful life? Or better yet Who will make that happen for them? What has God done for us?

Fit it! The Word of God is living and active in your life today. God's Word is for your life too.

Bible Study Questions:

1. Key: God's Word causes a response in the hearts and lives of those that put their trust in Jesus.
2. Key Questions from each lesson:
 - a. What does this lesson teach me about God?
 - b. What does this lesson teach me about myself?
 - c. What does this lesson teach me about the gospel? Am I seeking to share this good news with others?
 - d. Does your faith, love, and hope cause others to give God thanks? Why or why not?
 - e. How are you seeking to not just know about God, but to truly know God?
 - f. As a family, how are you praising God in thanksgiving for all that He has done for you? Share that thankfulness with one another.

Live it! How will you live life differently through the Bible verses that we read today?

1. Spend time praying about what you learned from God's Word this week.
2. Pray for your family prayer requests and praises.
3. Continue to write down your family's "I SPY GOD" moments. In this passage, Paul reminds the Colossians how he regularly prays for them to know God's will, to have the power to live out God's will, and an encouraging reminder of God's deliverance and redemption. All of these things should lead us to thank God. What things are you as a family thankful for today? Write them down in your journal.

Don't forget it! Within this passage in Colossians, Paul reminds the people of the greatness of God moving us from "the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son", through the work of Jesus Christ. When you remember this, your heart should be led to falling on your knees in prayer and thanksgiving and lifting your arms in praise, singing "*Gone, my sin is dead and gone- Hallelujah! Done, He is risen, it is done- Hallelujah!*"

BIBLE VERSES/ COLOSSIANS 1:15-20: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. **And through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in Heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.**

BIG IDEA QUESTIONS (new units in bold):

- Who is God? God is our Creator and King
- What is worship? Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.
- What does it mean to sin? To sin is to go against God and His commands.
- How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him.
- What is repentance? Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.
- Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.
- How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as King of Kings.
- What does God know? God knows everything about the past, present, and future.
- How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.
- Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.
- How did God plan to fix what sin broke? Before He created the world, God planned to send the Messiah to save sinners.
- Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in Heaven and on earth.
- Is Jesus God or human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.
- Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.
- What makes people special? People are special because we are made in God's image, as male and female, to know Him.

SONGS FOR MONTH OF JUNE: [Gone](#) by Elevation Worship
