

SHIFT

TURN YOUR WAYS

SERMON
STUDY

06.16.2024

Leader Corner

Darkness to Light

Colossians 1:9-23

Main Idea: Truly knowing Christ, who He is and what He has done, changes our lives.

Main Practice: Bearing fruit in Christ's Kingdom

Main Teaching: Colossians 1:9-23

Refocus with Praise

Read, sing, or meditate on the first verse of the hymn, *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*.

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

with Prayer

Pray before your group's discussion, asking the Holy Spirit to lead you to truth.



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Principle

1. Have someone read aloud this week's passage: Colossians 1:9-23.
2. Discuss any insights or questions that Sunday's sermon brought to mind.
3. Paul tells the Colossians that they need to grow in the knowledge of God. Paul is telling believers that we need to engage our intellect to know God better. How and what does the Bible say about knowledge and faith in God? Helpful Scriptures: Psalm 1:1-2, Proverbs 2:6-9, Matthew 5:6, Romans 12:2, 1 Corinthians 14:20, Ephesians 5:17, and 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
4. For Paul, intellectual knowledge is not enough. This increase in knowledge of God leads to a worthy Christ-following life. We no longer live and think in darkness, but now live and think in Christ's eternal Kingdom of light! What does this look like? See Mark 12:30, Galatians 5:22-23, Philippians 4:8, Ephesians 5:1-10, 1 John 3:1-2.
5. How are we delivered from the domain of darkness? What does this delivered life look like? Read and discuss Psalm 119:105, John 3:18-21, 8:12, 2 Corinthians 4:5-6, Ephesians 5:7-10, 1 Peter 2:9.
6. Verses 15-20 are a glorious statement of Christ's dominion over all things, including death. Where else in Scripture do we read of Christ's supremacy, and what does this mean to those who put their faith in Christ? Helpful verses: John 1:1-5, 9-12 and 14, John 5:24, 10:27-30, 1 Corinthians 15:56-58, 2 Peter 1:3-4, Revelation 20:11-15.

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Practice

Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in our lives and in our church that we may bear fruit fully pleasing to the Lord.

For Further Focus

Paul describes traits of a believer in this passage: walk, bear fruit, increase, strengthen, endure, patience, joy, holy, blameless, above reproach, stable, not shifting. Paul is talking about the changes that occur in those who have been born again. Ponder what implications these action words have for us today as we follow Christ.