

SERMON OUTLINE Colossians 1:9-12

Increasing in the Knowledge of God

GOD IS WHO HE IS

Eternally Trinitarian (Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 40:28; 1 Timothy 1:17; Matthew 3:16–17; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Creator (Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16)

Sovereign (Psalm 115:3; Daniel 4:35; Ephesians 1:11; Colossians 1:17)

Wise (Romans 16:27; Colossians 1:16-17)

Good (Nahum 1:7; Psalm 34:8; Psalm 31:19; Mark 10:18)

Holy (1 Samuel 2:2; Psalm 96:9; Isaiah 6:2-3; Colossians 1:21-22)

Just (Deuteronomy 32:4; Isaiah 30:18; Psalm 89:14; Colossians 3:25)

Gracious (Psalm 145:8; Joel 2:13; Nehemiah 9:31; Colossians 1:6)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big ideas of this sermon are that: (1) God is who He is, (2) Who God is, is woven through every line of this letter, and (3) The nature and purpose of everything is rooted in who God is. The main takeaways are to (1) Prayerfully and carefully learn who God really is and (2) Order everything according to that.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What doctrine introduced in Colossians would you most like to know more about?
3. If someone were to ask you to name God's most defining attribute(s), what would you say?
4. How many of God's attributes can you name? How many directly and consistently shape some aspect of your life?
5. What percent of what you believe about God do you think is true? Your kids? Your neighbors?
6. What percent of your life is directly shaped by specific attributes of God?
7. Had you ever considered the fact that everything in us and around us has its meaning, place, and purpose in God?
8. Which of the eight attributes of God named in the sermon stands out the most and why?
9. Which of God's attributes do you wish you knew more about?
10. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

11. Read straight through the entire book of Colossians.
12. Begin memorizing Colossians 1:15-20.
13. Read through Colossians and make a list of the attributes of God that Paul assumes or asserts.
14. Pick one of God's attributes, pray for greater understanding, and decide on one way to live more fully in light of it.
15. Share one of God's attributes with someone who does not know or love it. Ask them what they think about it.
16. Ask someone to tell you one thing they got from this sermon and one way to pray for them in light of it.
17. Pick one specific thing you mean to do differently, with the Spirit's help, as a result of the things you heard in this text/sermon.

PRAYER POINTS

18. Adoration. Praise God that He is eternally Trinitarian, creator, sovereign, wise, good, holy, just, and gracious. Praise God that He is ever-present, omniscient, worthy, glorious, loving, and merciful.
19. Confess. Confess any ways that you are indifferent to who God is or any of His attributes you've minimized and neglected. Confess any ways you're living inconsistently with who God is. Confess any ways you are not walking in a manner worthy of Him. Confess ways you're living according to your own wisdom and understanding instead of God's.
20. Thanksgiving. Thank God for revealing Himself to you. Thank God for helping you see His glory. Thank God for revealing the path of fullness of life in Jesus. Thank God for qualifying you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Thank God for delivering you from the domain of darkness. Thank God for redemption and forgiveness. Thank God for Grace Church.
21. Supplication. Ask God to reveal Himself to someone you love who does not yet know Him. Ask God to help our church be strengthened in living in light of all of who God is. Ask God to help someone who is suffering to find rest in the justice and graciousness of God.