

Coming in First Place ~ the preeminence of Jesus Christ

"... so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything"(Colossians 1:18).

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Colossians "The Gospel"

(to be used to as a starting point for further application of the truths delivered)

1. The Bible uses strong language to describe the sinners condition before coming to Christ. In Romans 5:6-8 we have words like "helpless", "ungodly", "sinners", and "enemies". And in our Colossians 1:21 text we have the words, "alienated", "hostile in mind", and "engaged in evil deeds." How would you see these things to have been true of you prior to coming to Christ?
2. How would you seek to explain the strong terms above to an unbeliever you are witnessing to? How would you use this to explain man's problem with God?
3. What do we mean when we say that the gospel is "God-centered" particularly in light of the opening words of Colossians 1:22, "yet He has now reconciled you...."? How is this God-centered gospel sometimes compromised?
4. How could you use Colossians 1:22-23 to help a professing believer who thinks that the pursuit of Christlike living is "optional" or unimportant? Is such an attitude a problem in the church today? Why or why not?
5. What are three things for which you are grateful to God and would be willing to share with your brothers and sisters in Christ?