

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 – Keeping an Undiminished View of Christ (Part 4)

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

1. How have you beheld the glory of God this past week? What would you tell those who asked you to give a defense, an account, for the hope within you?

2. Why is “maintaining” a list of requirements or expectations (of dos and don’ts – legalism and asceticism) in order to have a relationship to God so appealing to human nature? Why is this dangerous?

3. How is the pursuit of religious experiences so subtly dangerous? What are some “experiences” that are often equated with having a right relationship with God? What is to be the standard by which such experiences are evaluated?

4. In your own words, what does the statement, “Faith alone saves, but not the faith that is alone” mean?

5. How should we understand the origin and nature of “good works” or “good deeds” in the believer’s life? How ought we to express this to one another and to unbelievers?