



CHRIST THE KING
ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER IN HIM



The King & His Kingdom

Colossians

Main Idea

Jesus Christ rules Heaven & Earth

Faith Alone in Him assures New Birth

Overview

I. Paul's Purposes for the Colossians are seen in his prayer for them in 1.9-14

- He wants them to be fully pleasing to God
- He wants them to know they are delivered into a Kingdom
- This Kingdom is the Kingdom of the Beloved Son, Christ
- It was through Him that they (we) gain entrance by our redemption (finished), the forgiveness of sins

II. Jesus Christ Rules Heaven & Earth: Colossians 1.15-20

- Christ the King is THE Image of the Invisible God
- He is the Firstborn of All Creation
 - He is pre-eminent
 - He is heir of all things (not created)
- All things are created through, for, and by Him
- Jesus is the Head of the Body, the church

III. Faith Alone in Him: Colossians 1.3-8

- Paul rejoices at the hearing of their FAITH
- Their faith is rooted in a Hope which is built off that faith
- That faith is rooted in the word of the truth, the grace of God, the Gospel

IV. Assures: Colossians 2.1-5

- Paul wants them to reach the "riches of FULL assurance in understanding...Christ"
 - So that (vs. 4) no one would delude them w/ plausible arguments

V. New Birth: Colossians 1.9-10, 21-22, 2.6-7, 3.9-10

- Martin Luther: "We are are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone"
 - Our faith should exude the King we serve, the King who bought us
 - Our lives should picture the Kingdom
- This Faith ushers New Life because we are "born again" in to a New Life in a New Kingdom
- That New Life should picture the Kingdom where you are born into

Questions

Discussion Starter: See Question 1.

1. **Read Colossians 1-4** (yep, the whole book!). Discuss some of the your main takeaways after studying Colossians for the past 5 months.
2. Make the case that Christ is the Ruler of Heaven and Earth.
3. How is it that He can be trusted with this all-encompassing power over your life?
4. Colossians 1:15 says that Jesus is the “image of the invisible God.” Why is it important for us to grasp this truth? How does this impact your daily life?
5. Read 2:2-4; 2:23. Why is faith alone so essential in the face of “plausible” or “deluding” arguments?
6. Discuss the tie between *faith alone* and the one in whom you are placing that *faith in*.
7. How does assurance in our salvation help us in the day to day?
8. Why is the idea of “New Birth” or being “Born Again” so critical in understanding what happens to the Christian upon Faith?
9. Read some examples in Colossians where Paul is explaining what that New Birth looks like.
10. In what way does our New Life serve as a foretaste of Heaven?

Accountability Question: Where are the places of conviction after having studied Colossians?