

Firmly Established and Steadfast

The need for Prayer, Christ, Sacrifice, Revelation, and Application in the life of the church

“The Incomparable Christ” (Colossians 1:13-23)

Big Picture Review

Prior Verses Review

I. The How of the Inheritance (Colossians 1:13-14)

II. The Who of the Inheritance (Colossians 1:15-20)

III. The Response to the Inheritance (Colossians 1:21-23)

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

1. In the introductory point, “Big Picture Review,” we talked about the sermon series title, and how it captures a few key aspects of the letter to the Colossians that are important for helping us understand the letter and how we ought to apply it in our own church. Spend a few minutes reviewing those “Big Picture Review” points.
2. In verse 13 we read Paul say to the Colossians, “*For He (God) rescued us from the domain of darkness . . .*” Discuss what it means to be in the “domain of darkness,” and why we need to be “rescued” from it. As believers in Jesus, although we have been rescued from the domain of darkness, we may still struggle with periods of living in darkness. Share about a time you struggled with living in darkness (whether it was a result of your own sinfulness, or a product of living in a sinful world), and then share how God carried you through that difficult time. If you are currently experiencing a time of darkness, consider sharing with your group what you’re going through. Spend some time praying for one another, both in praise of God for how He carries us through dark times, and in seeking God, asking for His deliverance through current times of darkness.
3. As discussed in the sermon, in the first 23 verses of this letter, Paul has made numerous references to the future everlasting state of the believers in Colossae. Paul says they have a “hope” (1:5), they have an “inheritance” (1:12), they will follow Jesus in resurrection as He is “the firstborn from the dead” (1:18), and they will be presented to Jesus in glorified bodies “holy and blameless” (1:22). For Paul, all of these references were meant to encourage the readers to continued faithfulness as they considered what was awaiting them in the future (i.e. the return of Christ when the readers would dwell with Him forevermore, in unending joy free from all the turmoil of this age). How often do you meditate on what awaits you in the life to come as a believer in Jesus? Does the knowledge of your future life with Jesus motivate you to faithfulness in this life? What are some aspects of your life in this age that you look forward to being freed from? For those who struggle with continued physical, mental, or emotional pain, the hope of what is to come is an extremely freeing and comforting message. Share about a time you struggled through physical, mental, or emotional pain and how the hope of the gospel carried you through.
4. Share anything else you learned or big takeaways you had from this sermon.