“Christ B. C. – God’s Wrestling Match”
Genesis 32:22-32

Sermon Notes – July 1, 2012

Introduction:

Jacob’s Story Thus Far

The Crisis At Hand

Genesis 32:9-12 **"O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,' [10] I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two groups. [11] Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. [12] But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.'"**

A confession of _____

An appeal to God’s covenant _____

The full quote:
“You can do more than pray, after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed.”
– John Bunyan

God’s Wrestling Match

“He (God) lightly opposes us but supplies invincible strength by which we overcome.” – John Calvin

True Faith

What Kind of Victory?

In the womb [Jacob] grasped his brother's heel; as a man he struggled with God. He struggled with the angel and overcame him; he wept and begged for his favor.
– Hosea 12:3, 4

“[Jacob] had power with God when his power was gone.”
- Edmund Clowney

The Beatific Vision

Christ B. C.

Christ Foreshadowed Two Ways

1.

Big Word Bonus for Overachievers
Theophany: An appearance of God to man
Christophany: An appearance of Christ to man, before the incarnation or after the ascension

2.
Isaiah 49:1 and following (esp. 3)