

Paul's Epistles – Colossians – Jesus IS God

The New Testament * Week 28 * Opening collect: Proper 27, BCP 236

If you have questions from past weeks or your reading, email them to TomRutherford@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com

I. Paul hadn't been there (see map).

A. Colossians 1:3-8 – Epaphras

B. Colossians 2:1—And Paul prayed

C. Though Paul had friends. Colossians 4:7-17

1. vs 9 – Onesimus

2. Vs 10 – John Mark

3. Vs 14 –Luke

4. Vs 16 – Colosse and Laodicea.

II. Since Paul hadn't been there...

III. Colossians 1:15-20 – Jesus is God

A. Vs 15 – “Image/stamp/picture,” “firstborn OVER all creation” = “begotten not made.”

B. Vs 16 – “Created by him and for him.”

C. Vs 17 – “In him all things hold together”

D. Vs 18 – Body=Church. “Firstborn”

E. Vs 19 – “All fullness of God.”

F. Vs 20 – “Reconciled”

IV. Colossians 2:9-23 – Saved by grace through faith.

A. Vs 9-10 – Just as Jesus has fullness

B. Vs 11-12 – Circumcised = Baptism =

C. Vs 13-15 – Christus Victor! “The Certificate of Debt”

1. Proper 27, BCP 236: "O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life:"

2. Prayer D, BCP 374: "To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new."

D. Vs 16-23 – Because it is finished, let's not argue

V. Colossians 3:5 – Pivotal “therefore”

A. Vs 12 – “Clothe yourself” =

B. Vs 13 – Forgive

C. Vs 14 – Love!

D. Vs 15 – Peace and gratitude go together.

E. Vs 16 – Let word dwell in you richly.

F. Vs 17 – Do all in Name of Christ

VI. 1:9-14 – Praying the Scriptures

A. Vs 9 – “NOT stopped praying.”

1. “Fill you with knowledge of his will.” “through all wisdom and understanding the Spirit gives.” How?

a) B..

b) P...

c) Other Ch.....

2. Vs 10 – “so you may live life worthy and please God”

a) “Bearing fruit in every good work” Love, joy, peace...

b) “Growing in the knowledge of God”

3. Vs 11 – “strengthened with all power according to his great might so you may have endurance and patience”

4. Vs 12 – “giving joyful thanks to the Father” “who has qualified you to share in inheritance of his holy people/saints in the kingdom of light.”

5. Vs 13 – “Rescued us from dominion of darkness and transferred us to kingdom of the Son he loves”

B. Vs 14 – Redemption = forgiveness of sins

Preparation for next week: Read Romans

Closing collect: Proper 15, BCP 232