

Series: Is God Enough? Sermon: Part 1: Living a Life Worthy of The Lord Date: Sunday, May 12th, 2024

## People mentioned in today's Scriptures:

-Paul: Encountered the resurrected Christ and became a follower of Jesus. He planted churches all over Asia Minor and was imprisoned in Rome for his faith at the time when this letter was written.
-Epaphras: Paul's friend who planted this church in Colossae. In visiting Paul, he lets Paul know about what was happening in the

Colossian church and asks for Paul's help to make things right. -Timothy: Paul's mentee who accompanied Paul during his missionary journeys to plant churches around the region of Asia

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**Syncretism:** combining ideas, opinions, philosophies, and other religions with Christian Truth **Heresy:** ideas and opinions that actually contradict the tenets of the Christian faith and denies Jesus as God, Lord, and Savior

There were people in the Colossian church who considered themselves to be followers of Jesus, who were picking and choosing from other ideologies and creating their \_\_\_\_\_\_ faith in addition to their belief in Jesus.

**Religious mixing:** when someone says that they believe in Jesus, but they also borrow a little doctrine from this religion and then some from that popular opinion, and then add in a little of that belief, in order to form their own religion that makes them feel good

Scripture mentioned in sermon message: Colossians 1:1-12

: "one who is sent" and who speaks for Jesus and is a representative for God

**Gnosticism:** a combination of Eastern philosophy and Jewish legalism that values the accumulation of knowledge

Knowledge is great, but if that knowledge doesn't lead you to the truth of Jesus resulting in a changed life and right living, then it all doesn't even matter.

 Paul Prays For The Colossian Church...

 1. That God would fill them with the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_\_ will

2. That they would gain \_\_\_\_\_\_ wisdom

3. That they may live a life \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord



## 4. That they would bear good

Scripture mentioned in sermon message: Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:5-8

5. That they would grow in their knowledge of	of
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6. That they be filled with God's

7. That they would have great and patience

8. That they would stay full of Scripture mentioned in sermon message: James 1:2-4

9. That they would give always Scripture mentioned in sermon message: Colossians 1:13, Hosea 13:14, John 1:12-13

Because they didn't actually know God intimately or understand what the Gospel meant for them, they were chasing other things in addition to Jesus in order to satisfy and save them.

The Gospel of Jesus requires the acceptance of an exclusive Truth that ultimately separates those who follow Jesus and those that don't.

**Bottom Line:** When it comes to Jesus, you either believe it all or you don't believe it at all.

## Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. For those of you who don't know God, what are you looking for instead of God in order to satisfy and save you? For those of you who do know God, what are you looking for in addition to God in order to satisfy and save you?
- 2. How does adding ideologies from other religions or from the culture contribute to us believing in heresy? What opinions or ideologies are you adding to your faith in order to ultimately save you?
- 3. When it comes to Jesus, you either believe it all or you don't believe it at all. What challenges you about this statement?
- 4. What would it require of you to live a life that is worthy of the Lord?

Songs used in service: You've Already Won (Shane & Shane), Walking Free (Micah Tyler), God So Loved (We The Kingdom), In Christ Alone (Stuart Townend), Trust It All (North Point Worship)

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What can we be praying for you about?