

Sermon Series: True Spirituality

Sermon Title: "The Importance of Seeing to It"

Sermon Text: Colossians 2:8-15

Pre-Sermon: This is to help you prepare for hearing from God's Word.

- Read the passage we are going to be studying together.
 - What are we commanded to do?
 - How do verse 8 and verse 9 connect?
 - What is the subject of verses 9-15?
 - What stands out to you from reading through this passage?

Sermon Discussion Questions: This will help you think through the passage and what you heard in the message.

- In what sense is - how do I live in a way that pleases God - an easy question to answer?
- What is Paul's answer in Colossians 2:6,7?
- What are some illustrations however that obeying that instruction is not always so easy to do?
- What are some ways the early church got confused?
- What reason does Colossians 2:8 give as to why that happens?
- What danger do we face as believers?
- What means do people use to accomplish this?
- What three reasons does Paul give to make sure we are not taken captive and stay centered on Christ?
- What doctrine is Paul looking at in verse 9?
- Why is he looking at it?
- Walk through this verse and see if you can explain it.
- What is verse 10ff talking about?
- What key two word phrase is found throughout this passage?
- What does it mean to be filled in Christ and what are the implications for the way we think about the Christian life?
- What does it mean to be circumcised in Christ with a circumcision made without hands? What connection does this idea have with the Old Testament?
- What does Paul say God has accomplished through Christ for the believer?
- How should this passage take away fear?
- What encouragement would this passage having given to the Colossians in light of the spiritual threats they were facing? What encouragements should it give to us?

Sermon Outline: A sermon is much more than an outline, but perhaps this outline will help you follow the sermon.

3 reasons to keep it simple and bank your entire relationship with God on Jesus

1. Who Jesus is
2. Who you are in Jesus
3. What God has accomplished for you through Jesus

The Big Idea: This is a VERY short explanation of what this message is about and what I'm praying God will achieve through this message.

- I want to tell you why it's so important you work hard at keeping it simple and enjoying the gospel and not getting distracted and focusing on Jesus alone and not letting all kinds of nonsense get into your head because you are worried or afraid or feel insecure.

Application Questions: We can't just read these passages, study them. It's vital we respond.

- Are you enjoying the gospel?
- What threat does Paul identify in this passage? How do you think that might be a danger for us?
- Would you say you feel basically secure in Christ or do you more often feel like you are lacking and inadequate? Why?
- What are some of the dangers of going around feeling like you are lacking or inadequate?
- What reasons does this passage give as to why believers should be sure they have enough? How do you think these truths can go from things you know to realities that shape the way you think and feel about your life?
- What stood out to you as especially comforting or challenging from our study of this passage today?

Sermon Notes: This is a place you can record your own notes and thoughts as you listen to the message today so that you can think about them later.