

Col. 1:1-17 "The Supremacy of Christ!" OGCF Oct. 8, 2023

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teaching? How do we know that Jesus is God? (If you're stuck, check out Isaiah 9:6-7 or www.AlwaysBeReady.com)

GET PRACTICAL

- 10) This week, Pastor Lee said Jesus is looking to use Christians who are **Faithful**, **Available**, and **Teachable**. Which of these three characteristics do you most need to grow in? What can you do to this week to encourage that growth?
- 11) You were created *by* Jesus and **for** Jesus. Consider how well your life matches up with the idea of *living for Jesus*. Is the Holy Spirit leading you to make any changes?
- 12) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week's message or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of October 8, 2023

MY STORY

- 1) If you could visit anywhere in the world *that you've never been to*, where would it be - and why?

QUICK REVIEW

- 2) **Read aloud Colossians 1:1-17**. What stood out to you from this passage or Sunday's message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) Paul wrote this letter to a church of believers he had never personally met! What do you think this reveals about Paul's heart?
- 4) The epistles in Scripture often talk about *faith, hope, and love*. How would you define each of these in your own words?

What do you think Paul means by "*the greatest of these is love*" in the following verse?

1 Corinthians 13:13 - "*And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*"

5) Consider how Paul prayed for the Colossians to...

-Know God's will

-Walk worthy of God, fully pleasing Him

-Be fruitful in every good work

-Increase in their knowledge of God

-Be strengthened according to God's might

-Have patience and long-suffering with joy

-Be thankful to the Father

Which of these requests do you most need in your own life?

Is there a verse or practical habit to help you pursue this specific area of growth?

Who in your life do you most need to pray these over?

6) In Colossians 1:13, Paul says we have been delivered from the power of darkness. Read the following passages which also reference this idea.

Acts 26:17-18 - "[17] *I will deliver you [Paul] from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, [18] 'to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'*"

Ephesians 5:8 - "*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light*"

1 Peter 2:9 - "*But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*"

What does this idea of *darkness to light* mean to you?

Why do you think it's important to understand this *deliverance* and *transformation* God performs in us?

In what way(s) does this give you *hope*?

7) Imagine a friend asked you, "How do I know the will of God?" How would you answer? What would you say?

8) Paul prayed for the Colossians to be *fruitful*. What do you think it means to "bear fruit" as a Christian? Give one or two examples of "fruit" in a Christian's life.

9) Some people today believe that Jesus is not God, but that He is a created being (not eternal, less than God Almighty). How would you respond to this *false*