

I. A Fruitful Life Through the Gospel of Christ

- A. Theme: The Gospel of Christ has the power to grow and bear fruit in the lives of believers so that they are filled with faith, love, hope, and good works.
- B. Text: Colossians 1:1-8
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

II. A Fruitful Knowledge In Christ

- A. Theme: As Christians grow in their knowledge of God and His will, their lives are transformed so that they are pleasing to God.
- B. Text: Colossians 1:9-14
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Peter 1:2

III. The Preeminence of Christ

- A. Theme: Christ is preeminent in and over everything - the present creation and everything it, and the new creation, which has already begun through His reconciling work.
- B. Text: Colossians 1:12-20
- C. Response: Song - Glory of the Ages
- D. Benediction: Revelation 1:4-5

IV. A Glorious Reconciliation In Christ

- A. Theme: We were once alienated from God by our sin, but Christ has provided reconciliation for all who believe in Him through the Gospel.
- B. Text: Colossians 1:21-23 (ESV)
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Jude 1:24-25

V. A Glorious Ministry In Christ

- A. Theme: God calls His people to be willing to pay the cost for a glorious ministry of fully presenting God's Word about Jesus, as we teach and admonish one another so that each of us will become mature, whole hearted disciples of Jesus Christ.
- B. Text: Colossians 1:24-2:5
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Romans 15:5-6

VI. A Growing Walk In Christ

- A. Theme: Having received Jesus Christ as Lord, we are called to have a flourishing, growing walk with Him.
- B. Text: Colossians 2:6-7
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Deuteronomy 1:11

VII. Christians Captivated by Nothing

- A. Theme: Christians must always be on their guard against being carried away by the empty deceits offered by the world to replace Jesus as our only source of true fulfillment and joy.
- B. Text: Colossians 2:8
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

VIII. Fullness In Christ

- A. Theme: Christians have been given a full salvation - our sins forgiven, our enemies vanquished, and our sinful nature effectively dealt with - through Jesus, Who is the fulness of God.
- B. Text: Colossians 2:8-15
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Psalm 20:1-5

IX. Counterfeit Spirituality

- A. Theme: Counterfeit spirituality depends on rituals, hyper-spirituality, and legalism, rather than on the simplicity of Christ, Who alone can deliver from sin.
- B. Text: Colossians 2:16-23
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

X. Spring Cleaning

- A. Theme: As those who have been given new life in Christ, believers must put off their former vices so they can be like Christ.
- B. Text: Colossians 3:1-11
- C. Response: Prayer & Water Baptism
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

XI. A Christlike Life and Community

- A. Theme: As those who have been given new life in Christ, believers must put on the virtues that reflect the character of God shown to us in Christ, and they must walk in unity with the Church.
- B. Text: Colossians 3:12-17
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

XII. Relationships and Responsibilities in Christ the Lord

- A. Theme: Our new status in Christ has not freed us from the relationships and responsibilities in our culture, but we now fulfill these under the Lordship of Christ.
- B. Text: Colossians 3:18-4:1
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

XIII. Christ Filled Prayer and Evangelism

- A. Theme: A Christ filled life is one devoted to prayer and to seeing the Gospel go forth, making the most of the opportunities God gives us to share His good news.
- B. Text: Colossians 4:2-6
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Psalm 67:1-2

XIV. A Christ Filled Team

- A. Theme: The work of the kingdom is not done by a few superstars, but through the Spirit empowered efforts of a Christ filled team comprised of all believers.
- B. Text: Colossians 4:7-18
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Colossians - Christ Is All - Series Outline

2012