**SERMON NOTES**

**Above All**

**The Preeminence of Christ in the Book of Colossians**

**“The Word of Truth: The Gospel - Part 2”**

**Colossians 1: 3-5**

Paul wants the Colossians to know that there is a word of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a standard of truth, and a bar to which all other claims to truth must be measured, and that word, standard, and bar is the gospel.

The word of truth, the gospel, bears the fruit of authentic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sincere \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The word** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **in the Bible is the Greek ‘πίστις’** **and it carries the idea of being convinced and persuaded deep within oneself that something is true.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **faith is faith that whole heartedly believes fully in something - completely immersed in it.**

**The power of faith is always forever in the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**of the faith.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **is the object of the Colossians’ faith.**

**Only Jesus is** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **to hold the full weight of authentic, believing, and saving faith.**

**Authentic faith will always show itself in** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Active love in the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **for one another is a fruit of the work of the word of truth, the gospel in our lives.**

**It is the Colossians’** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **for one another that resounds volumes for the work of the word of truth, the gospel, in the Colossian culture.**

**Jesus never called individual believers to live their own separate brand of following Him absent from a** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **of other believers.**

**Jesus always calls His followers to a community, a group, a family, a local collection of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **believers.**

**God calls people from every walk of life, every background, every religion, every life experience, and He calls them from those things into** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with one another.

**Sincere love for one another is one way the word of truth, the gospel, takes legs in our life and it is one distinguishable difference between the word of truth and the false unauthentic claims to** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The word used there for love in verse 4 is the Greek word ἀγάπην and it means** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **love.**

Blanks: truth; faith & love; faith; Authentic; object; Jesus; sufficient; action; church; love; community; gathered; relationship; truth; unconditional & selfless