**SERMON NOTES**

**Above All**

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

**“The Word of Truth: The Gospel”**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the good news that Christ died for sins in accordance with the scriptures, that He was buried and raised on the third day.

The Word of truth, the gospel, brings logic defying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Paul is thankful as he begins this letter and he is not focused on his personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Paul is thankful to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because He is the author and giver of the Colossian believer’s salvation.

It is a kind miracle that anyone is saved. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a work of God to bring dead people to life.

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lives in Christ that the Colossians are living stirs and spurs other believers’ worship of Christ.

Jesus gave Himself for us that we might be changed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus gave Himself for us so that we would not only be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the word but also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith in Christ born from the word of truth; the gospel cannot be separated from tangible evidences of it.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_will be born - is currently being born in your life - and it will either testify to the changed and new life you have in Christ or it will testify to the fact that you do not yet have the ‘above all’ Jesus on the throne of your heart.

Those who know Christ have lives that are marked - not by perfection – but by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The word of truth, the gospel, is not about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ change but rather heart change.

*Blanks: truth; gospel; thankfulness; circumstances; God; Salvation; new & changed; word & deed; hearers & doers; Authentic; Fruit; repentance; behavior*