***SERMON NOTES***

**Above All**

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

**“The Word of Truth: The Gospel - Part 4”**

**Colossians 1: 5**

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

**In Colossians 1: 5 we see that:**

**(1) Heavenward hope motivates our\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christlikeness.**

 **(2) Heavenward hope strengthens us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

***Heavenward hope motivates our pursuit of Christlikeness***

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hope of the Colossians is the motivation for their pursuit of Christlikeness.**

**In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Christian has hope beyond this world - hope of a new and curse free world and eternal life with Christ. This hope is the motivation and driving force for righteousness.**

**Heavenward hope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the believer forward.**

**For the believer the hope of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life through Christ motivates us to live godly lives and to fix our eyes on the things that matter, on the things that are most priority.**

***Heavenward hope strengthens us to endure***

**For the believer, Heavenward hope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be taken away - it is kept, set aside, and reserved as a reward.**

**Heavenward hope is what spurs the Colossians’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and love onward in the face of whatever might happen in their lives.**

**For the believer, God has the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ word, and that word is “Heavenward hope”.**

**This hope has come to the Colossians by one thing: the word of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the gospel.**

Blanks: gospel; pursuit & endure; Heavenward; Jesus; propels; eternal; cannot; faith; final; truth