***SERMON NOTES***

**Above All**

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

**“Knowledge that Demands Action”**

**Colossians 1: 10-11**

**The Bible says that genuine and real saving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus is transforming, life changing, sin killing and Christ exalting in its effect.**

**What you know is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how you live.**

**God is concerned with what the believer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v9) and also how the believer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v10).**

**Our lives and our actions - the things we do - will show what we truly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and know.**

**The Bible prays that the believer might be filled with the knowledge of God’s will to the end and for the goal that they might walk in a manner worthy of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The word “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” in v10 means “to live”.**

**Our growth in Christ (knowledge) should be directly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to our obedience to Christ.**

**Our knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unto salvation is intended to change us and transform our hearts and lives.**

**Our turning from sin and to faith in Jesus crucified and resurrected is what makes us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**A Christian does not become ‘worthy’ of God’s love by virtue of how they live but rather Christians live their lives in a way that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how worthy God is for our obedience.**

**We live fully pleasing to God when we bear good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.**

**Good works are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

**Bearing good fruit (gospel fruit) is the way we glorify God. Bearing good fruit is the clearest marker and sign of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ follower of Jesus.**

**Good works are the outworking of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts.**

**The way we get increasing knowledge of God is** **by knowing the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, studying it, and committing ourselves to a local gathering of believers (a church) where it is taught.**

**Knowledge and obedience are the means that God uses to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is power to change hearts; knowledge demands action.**

*Blanks:* knowledge; affect; thinks & live; believe; Lord; walk; proportional; God; worthy; reflects; fruit; pleasing; true; Jesus; Bible; transform; gospel