***SERMON NOTES***

**Above All**

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

**“I~~gnorance~~ Knowledge is Bliss”**

**Colossians 1: 9**

**Paul wants the Colossian Christians to understand that their hope has come to them by one thing - the word of truth, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Bible is concerned with what the believer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and how the believer lives.**

**That word “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” in v9 is the Greek “dia” (διά)** **and translates to “because of” “for the sake of” “on account of”.**

**It is the miracle work of the gospel in the lives of the Colossians that prompts and provokes Paul to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for them.**

**Followers of Jesus are declared right in God’s eyes (justified) the moment they turn to faith in the gospel, but believers will not yet be sinless (sanctified) until they reach \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**A life of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prayer means to view everything in life in relation to God.**

**The first prayer request of Paul for the Colossians is that they might be filled with the knowledge of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The word “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” in v 10 is the Greek word “pleroo” (πληρόω) and translates “to make full”, “complete” “fill to capacity” or the idea of being “totally controlled” by something.**

**Paul is praying to God that the Colossians would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what God would have and intend for them - in the ways they are to follow and submit to His commands and obey His word- so that they might be able to discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect according to God’s Word.**

**The heart of God for His people is that they would know and be filled with instruction so that they might \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**To know God’s will: know the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, study His word and give yourself to what He says is His will is for you.**

**To know God’s will: plant your life (and your family’s life) in a meaningful way - in a local \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that teaches you the Bible and instructs you on what it says so that you might be filled with the knowledge God’s will.**

**The will of God for the believer is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (growing to be more and more like Jesus).**

*Blanks: gospel; thinks; so; prayer; Heaven; ceaseless; will; filled; know; flourish; Bible; church; sanctification*