***SERMON NOTES***

**Above All**

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

**“Awake My Soul and Sing of Him Who Died for Me”**

**Colossians 1: 12-14**

**In light of the call of God to grow in knowledge and to walk worthy of the Lord, the Bible takes us back to the ­­­­­gospel and reminds us that it is God who has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us.**

**We must let \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and not experience, or our mind, or our opinions, but rather allow God’s word to be the guide for you and I to see how beautiful and how truly remarkable the work of Christ is for us.**

**Every one of us was not merely unqualified, rather, we are profoundly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the inheritance that God has for His people because of who we are naturally, because of our sin, and because of our rejection of God and His commands (Romans 8:7; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Genesis 8:21).**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, within ourselves, Jesus is not precious to us. He is not treasured. He is not wisdom (1 Cor 2: 14).**

**In the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Father (God) has chosen to *qualify* those who repent and believe.**

**God is our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is a word that the Bible often uses to describe sin or a person that is walking or living in sin.**

**The Bible teaches that left to ourselves - apart from Christ breaking into our lives - you and I are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lovers of the light that Jesus brings to the world, rather we are lovers of the darkness - lovers of sin (John 3: 19-20).**

**Left unto ourselves, salvation, forgiveness of sins, loving the light, and escaping this reality is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 19:25-26).**

**In God’s great love He did for us that which was impossible for us to do - He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us from the domain of sin’s darkness to the kingdom of His beloved Son.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our sins in Jesus is the only remedy, the only way of ransom and delivery, and the only way for you and I to be transferred from the domain of sin to the kingdom of light.**

**God has set His rightful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the rebellious sinner and He has then chosen to meet that wrath on Himself in the person of Jesus Christ, who came to Earth to fulfill what you could not: to live in the light and to hate sin.**

*Blanks:* qualified; scripture; disqualified; Naturally; gospel; inheritance; darkness; not; impossible; delivered; redemption & forgiveness; wrath