**Sermon Notes**

**Above All**

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

**“Word Driven Worship”**

**Colossians 3: 16**

**BIG IDEA: In Colossians 3:16 we see what God intends for our worship to look like both individually (personally) and corporately (when we gather).**

**God cares deeply about our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Him and what we do when we come together as a gathered local church body on the Lord’s Day.**

**The Word of Christ is the revelation concerning Him (His teachings - either about Him, pointing toward Him, or directly by Him) all of which are found in totality of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Letting the Word of Christ dwell in us means to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and commit ourselves to scripture in such a way that it lodges, resides, inhabits, and takes up residence in our hearts even as it guides, governs, and shapes all that we do and all that we are.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is called to let one thing dwell in our hearts, the Word of Christ.**

**In order for the Word to dwell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you must read it slowly, deliberately, and carefully as you memorize it, write it out, pray it, and also obey and submit to it.**

**When the Word of Christ dwells *in us* individually it will also mean that the Word will dwell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_us, as a local church.**

**When the word of Christ dwells among us, it means Scripture exerts its formation over us in order to mold us into Christ and His image. As it dwells in our midst, we learn from it and grow as it exercises \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over us.**

**Coming together on Sundays is the most important thing we do as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Letting the Word of Christ dwell among us means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and consistently gathering to worship the Lord through the hearing and preaching of His Word.**

**It matters not who stands behind the pulpit and what man of God is the mouthpiece, what matters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the church is that the Word of Christ – SCIPTURE – is heralded and proclaimed.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our worship should be theologically sound and rooted in the Word of Christ.**

**When the Word is thriving among Christians and within a church it shows its self in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of one another.**

**Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God is in teaching and admonish others in the love of Christ.**

Blanks: worship; Bible; pursue; Christian; richly; among; authority; church; regularly; most; songs; teaching & admonishing; worship

**Corporate Scripture Reading – Ephesians 5: 15- 21**

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.