

Sermon Notes

Our Starting Point - Col 2:6-7

September 27, 2020

I. Introduction

- a. best way to describe AL... *Find Family, Jesus, Grace*... purpose is to encourage each other in a safe and loving environment thru teaching and applying the good news of the Gospel...
- b. people see purpose, vision, mission... has to be foundation to hold it all up... *base on which something stands; something that supports something else; undergarment support designed to give body more desirable shape... pray...*
Psa 89:14... "righteousness, justice, love, truth... are foundation of throne..."
Isa 54:14... "you will be established on a foundation of righteousness..."
Matt 7:24-29... "rain, flood, wind beat against house... won't collapse because its foundation was on the rock..."
1Cor 3:10-12... "according to grace, I have laid a foundation... be careful how you build on it... that foundation is Jesus Christ..."
Eph 2:19-22... "members of God's family... built on foundation of prophets... cornerstone is Christ Jesus Himself... joined together in Him..."

II. Our Starting Point

- a. foundation is our starting point... AL foundation built on the Word...

Tradition is a theological teaching distinct from scripture, and it is infallible. It is to be received with the same assent as scripture for it is the word of God. Tradition is superior to scripture. It would suffice without scripture. Scripture is a dead word.

- b. no, no, no... 1000 times no... tradition not equal to Word... what happens when they contradict... most churches go with tradition over Word...
Matt 15:6... "cancel Word for the sake of your own tradition..."
Mark 7:13... "cancel Word to hand down your own tradition..."
akyroo... render void, deprive of force and authority...

The Bible is an armory of heavenly weapons... a laboratory of infallible medicines... a mine of exhaustless wealth. It is a guidebook for every road... a chart for every sea... a medicine for every malady and a balm for every wound. Thomas Guthrie

- c. starting point is Word... foundation on which all else is built...
Num 23:19... "God does not lie... does He promise and not fulfill..."
Psa 138:2... "You have magnified Your Word above all Your name..."
2Cor 1:20... "every one of God's promises is *Yes* and *Amen* in Christ..."
2Pet 1:21... "no scripture comes from will of man... but from God thru HS..."

If you want to talk about what the bible teaches, we can have that conversation, but if you're saying I don't care what the bible teaches... then we really can't, because you and I see the world thru completely different lenses. You're arguing on what you think... I'm arguing on thousands of years of theology and God's self-revealed will. But, if you want to talk scripture, let's talk. Matt Chandler

- d. Word... rightly divided... is final authority in direction, decisions, right/wrong...
Isa 5:20... "what sorrow for those who call evil good and good evil..."
Rom 1:16... "not ashamed of Gospel... power of salvation... everyone who believes..."
2Tim 2:15... "one approved... not ashamed... rightly dividing word of truth..."
- e. good relationships take time... listening and talking... hanging out... gives us precise and correct knowledge of who people are... bible study helps us get to know who God is... need to hear, read, study, meditate, apply...
Rom 10:14-17... "how can they believe without hearing..."
Rev 1:3... "blessed is the one who reads... listens, obeys..."
Acts 17:11... "examined scriptures daily to see if it was truth..."
Psa 1:1-3... "meditate on it day and night... whatever he does prospers..."
Phil 4:4-9... "do what you have learned, received, heard, seen in me..."

Your picture of God is the single greatest influence on your life. Define God and you define yourself. How you see Him affects how you see yourself. AW Tozer

- f. do you see God as harsh, evil, mean, judgmental, condemning... probably not rightly dividing Word... how do we really know... by looking at Jesus...
Col 1:15... "He is the image of the invisible God... all fullness dwells in Him..."
2Cor 4:4... "devil blinds mind... unable to see Christ, exact likeness of God..."
Heb 1:3... "the Son is the exact representation of God's being..."
- g. Jesus reveals God for who He really is... perfect, loving, good, compassionate, forgiving, merciful... bible study reveals that truth and sets us free...
Psa 34:5-8... "taste and see that the Lord is good..."
Psa 119:68... "You are good... what You do is good... teach me your ways..."
Psa 136:1-3... "give thanks to the Lord... for He is good..."
Luke 18:18-19... "no one is good... except God alone..."
Rom 2:4... "the goodness of God leads you to repentance..."
2Pet 1:1-3... "everything... found in *precise and correct* knowledge of Him..."
- h. bible is foundation... study builds on that foundation... prayer brings that foundation to life... give praise... get direction... grow...
Jer 30:19... "joy and thanks will come from them... I will multiply and honor..."
Col 3:16-17... "whatever you do, word or deed... give thanks to God..."
Col 4:2... "devote yourselves to prayer... with a thankful heart..."
Psa 25:4-5... "show me right path... point out road... lead me by truth..."
Psa 119:105... "your Word is a lamp for my feet... light for path..."
Eph 5:20-17... "give thanks in all... understand what God wants you to do..."
Luke 8:14-15... "seed on good soil... hear Word... produce a crop..."
John 15:7... "remain in Me... ask what you desire... bear much fruit..."
2Pet 3:18... "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus..."
- i. personal prayer is *thanks*... prayer for others are *requests*... we stand on Word... believe in bible study... experience power of prayer... pray...
Rom 8:17-32... "co-heirs... freely given all things..."
1Cor 2:10-16... "HS helps us understand what has been freely given to us..."
Eph 1:15-19... "I pray, I pray, I pray... power to us who believe..."
Col 1:9... "not stopped praying... keep asking God to give you..."

Christians possess a special power and identify when formally assembled. Our new being longs to be gathered with other believers. There's a new appetite to put on Christ's unity with God's people in a real assembly on earth. Jonathan Leeman

All Else is Garbage

Phil 3:8... *everything worthless compared to knowing Jesus...*

Spiritual **knowledge of Christ** will be a **personal** knowledge. I cannot know Jesus through another person's acquaintance with Him. No, I must know Him myself. I must know Him on my own account. It will be an **intelligent knowledge**. I must know Him, not as the visionary dreams of Him, but as the Word reveals Him.

I must know His natures, divine and human. I must know His offices... His attributes... His works... His shame... His glory.

I must meditate upon Him until I *comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height... and know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.*

It will be an **affectionate knowledge** of Him... indeed, if I know Him at all, I must love Him. **An ounce of heart knowledge is worth a ton of head learning**. Our knowledge of Him will be a **satisfying knowledge**. When I know my Saviour, my mind will be full to the brim. I shall feel that I have that which my spirit panted after... *this is the bread whereof if a man eat he shall never hunger.*

At the same time it will be an **exciting knowledge**. The more I know of my Beloved, the more I shall want to know. The higher I climb the loftier will be the summits which invite my eager footsteps. I shall want the more as I get the more. Like the miser's treasure, my gold will make me covet more.

To conclude... this knowledge of Christ Jesus will be a most happy one. In fact, so elevating, that sometimes it will completely bear me up above all trials, and doubts, and sorrows, and it will, while I enjoy it, make me something more than *man that is born of woman, who is of few days, and full of trouble...* for it will fling about me the immortality of the ever living Saviour, and gird me with the golden girdle of His eternal joy. Come, my soul, sit at Jesus' feet and learn of Him all this day.

Charles Spurgeon
Morning and Evening Devotional – October 14th

Sermon Study

Our Starting Point - Col 2:6-7 - September 27, 2020

1. How would you **describe AL** to a friend?
2. Why is a **strong foundation** important? What happens when it isn't? What is the foundation of AL? Read **Psa 89:14... Isa 54:14... Matt 7:24-29... 1Cor 3:10-12... Eph 2:19-22.**
3. How can **tradition be damaging** to a church? Read **Matt 15:6** and **Mark 7:13**. Why should the word be more important than tradition? Read **Num 23:19... Psa 138:2... 2Cor 1:20... 2Pet 1:21.**
4. Read **Isa 5:20... Rom 1:16-17... 2Tim 2:15**. How would you explain **rightly dividing** the Word? Is it important? Why?
5. What **five things** are important in our bible study? Read **Rom 10:14-17... Rev 1:3... Acts 17:11... Psa 1:1-3... Phil 4:4-9**. How do **you incorporate** those in your life?
6. How do you **see God**? What is the best way for you to get a **precise and correct** knowledge of who He is? Read **Col 1:15... 2Cor 4:4... Heb 1:3**. How do you see God? Read **Psa 34:5-8; 119:68; 136:1-3... Luke 18:18-19... Rom 2:4.**
7. What **types of prayers** did Pastor Joe suggest to pray for yourself? Why? Read **Rom 8:17-32** and **1Cor 2:10-16**. What types did he suggest for others? Read **Eph 1:15-19** and **Col 1:9**.