
THEOLOGY MADE SIMPLE

THE WHO, WHAT, WHERE & WHEN:

Colossians 1:1-2

The Apostle:

The Town:

BIG WORDS MADE SIMPLE:

Colossians 1:3-5

Where we are in Christ is far more important than where we are in life.

John 15:1-12

Faith is: Belief, trust and obedience.

Hebrews 11:1-6, Mark 1:15, 9:7, Luke 8:12-13, Matthew 7:24-27, Romans 10:17, James 2:14-19, Ephesians 2:8-10

Love is: A decision and action, not just an emotion.

Matthew 25:34-40, Luke 6:27-36, 10:25-37, John 13:35, 15:12, 1 John 4:19-21

Hope is: Confidence based on God's character and promises.

Romans 15:13, 2 Thessalonians 2:16, Romans 8:24-25, Hebrews 6:13-20

GETTING REAL:

John 15:1-12

- ▶ **What do I trust in most?**
- ▶ **What is my life based on?**
- ▶ **How do I measure success?**

1. This week we heard how it's more important to know where we are "in Christ" than where we are "in life." How do the following verses help us know what it means to live "in Christ"? Can you think of any present day examples of these verses in action?

Galatians 2:20

Ephesians 2:10

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

2. How do the following verses further your understanding of what it looks like to "live out" faith, hope and love?

Philippians 1:9-11

Titus 3:4-8

1 Thessalonians 1:3

Jeff challenged us in this weekend's teaching to examine our priorities in three areas.

- What do I trust in most?
- What is my life based on?
- How do I measure success?

Looking back at those three questions, is there any priority that might cause you to focus more on where you are "in life" than who you are "in Christ"?

Personal Challenge: As we begin our new series in Colossians, you might want to consider reading a chapter a week or even the entire book in one sitting. There are only four chapters.

Fall Life Group starts September 23rd!

Our Life Groups help promote spiritual growth and maturity in the Real Life community through the development of significant Christian relationships centered on the study of God's word. (Hebrews 10:24-25 & Romans 8:29)

SHARING Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include some planned "sharing questions". But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal, as our group feels safer and more comfortable.

STUDY Each week we'll study a portion of God's word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon. Our goal is to learn how to apply and live out our Christianity in our day-to-day experiences and relationships.

SUPPORT Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (see John 15:9-13). This care will take many forms such as prayer, listening, meeting needs, encouraging and even challenging one another as needed. We also have ongoing Bible Studies available at Real Life: See the calendar at www.seekreallife.com for details.