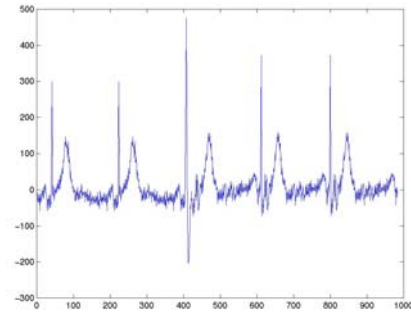


FOLLOW-THROUGH

“Celebrate Life!”

Sermon 3 in the Series “Alive!” based on Colossians
Small Group Discussion around the Sunday Message
January 21, 2007



Introduction

1. Read Colossians 2:9-15. These verses are extremely rich with content. Take the time to read each verse a few times, pay attention to what is being said in each section.
2. What does the text say about Christ? How does the text confirm that Christ is God?
3. Go back and read the section immediately before the text for today’s message (vv. 2:6-8). How does this help to explain the text; Paul’s purpose in writing the letter?

Putting the Passage to Work

1. Many people today cannot explain any purpose to their life. When asked their purpose, they simply state that they are to be happy, to survive, prosper or they don’t know. Is this a common thought of society, non-Christians, Christians? Is it wrong to not have a purpose?
2. Go back and take another look at the text. What does the text say about us? What are the blessings that we have as ones who believe in Christ Jesus?
3. What does your circumcision done by Jesus mean to you? (incision=cut in
circumcision=cut around)
4. We are alive in Christ, yet, we sometimes wish our life away. We long so much for an easier life that we do not take time to enjoy the blessing of today. What are the times in your life that you have wished, hoped or longed for a better/easier time. Reflecting back, do you wish you could have these times back to slow down and enjoy life? How about today?

Digging Deeper

1. Christ came into the world with purpose; to conquer sin, death and the devil *for you*. Now you have fullness in Christ. You have died to sin and have been raised to new life. You are made righteous in the blood of Christ Jesus. You are beautiful, how God created you. Now, you truly can say that you have a purpose.
 - a. What is your purpose?
 - b. How do (will) you live out your purpose?
 - c. How is your purpose helping you live out each day of you life; not taking a day for granted?
 - d. How does it help you celebrate life?
2. Close in Prayer