

Application questions for Sermon on April 19, 2020
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Scripture Reading before sermon: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Title: A View of Christ Over All – An Overview of Colossians

Text: Colossians 1:1-2

Questions for further meditation or application:

1. Re-read Pastor Cliff's scripture reading in 1 Timothy 2:1-8? What stands out to you in that text by way of encouragement or conviction?
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3. What do you think as you read these White House statements Pastor Phil quoted at the start of his message?

“We give thanks for the majesty of creation and for the gift of eternal life. And we place our trust in the hands of Almighty God ... As our Nation has faced the unique challenge...during the past few weeks, we have turned to God for guidance, comfort, and hope. Throughout this difficult period, we have witnessed the core tenets of Christianity – love, compassion, and kindness ... 1 Peter 4:10: ‘Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.’ ... Even in the darkest hours, God’s abundant love and mercy are unwavering. The light of Christ will always triumph over the trials and tribulations we face because He has defeated death...let us rejoice in knowing that Christ has risen.” (www.whitehouse.gov)

4. Under the first point of the sermon (“Who”), why is our “new identity” important?
5. How should believing we’re really “family” with the church impact how what we do for them in need and how we relate to them?
6. What’s the theme of Colossians - what it’s all about? What are some implications of the end of v. 18 for your life?
7. Under the “where” point, how is Colossae like our community in California and how should that encourage us?
8. How does knowing Paul wrote this when in prison impact how you read it? How can his house-arrest prayer in chapter 4 help us think and pray when we’re told to stay in our houses in this time?
9. Though like Paul in Colossians 2:1, 5, we can’t be “face to face,” what was the application given for faces in GCBC photo directory? How and when will you?
10. What else from the closing applications can you meditate on further or made you think of others? How and when will put this in practice (see James 1:22-25)?