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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Reigning with Christ Our King May 26, 2024

Summary

In this message, Pastor Dale Hummel explores how recognizing and embracing our identity in Christ empowers us to reign with Him. Using Colossians 1:13-17, we learn that Christ is our Rescuer, Redeemer, the Visible Image of the Invisible God, Preexistent, Supreme, Creator and Sustainer. When we align our lives under Christ's sovereignty, we find that we can experience internal peace and cosmos even amidst external chaos.

Scripture

...the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. Colossians 1:5-6 (NIV)

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:13-17 (NIV)

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:27 (NIV)

Let's Start

If you had to describe your spiritual journey using a movie title, what would it be and why?

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

Let's Talk

1. How does understanding that Christ is our Rescuer and Redeemer impact your daily life and decisions?
2. What are some ways you have experienced the joy and power of the gospel in your life?
3. In what areas of your life do you struggle to experience the confidence and peace that come from knowing your identity in Christ?
4. How does the knowledge of your eternal rewards and inheritance in Christ influence your perspective on current difficulties?

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5. What steps can you take to surrender more of your life to the Lordship of Jesus to experience less chaos and more cosmos?

Let's Act

Toward the end of the sermon, Pastor Dale had the congregation stand up and worship by confessing and personalizing the meaning of the following verses. Spend time this week meditating and worshipping the Lord through these passages.

1. Christ is my Rescuer: "He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves."
2. Christ is my Redeemer: "In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."
3. Christ is the Visible Image of the Invisible God: "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."
4. Christ is Preexistent and Supreme: "He is the firstborn over all creation."
5. Christ is the Creator: "For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible."
6. Christ is the Sustainer: "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."
