

Colossians 1:11-29

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I. Introduction.

A. In the tough times of life, God strengthens you according to His glorious power.

B. God helps us when we need that help from Him.

II. God has redeemed, delivered and forgiven us. (1 Peter 1:21, Ephesians 1:7, Psalm 103:12, Micah 7:19, Isaiah 43:25, 44:22)

A. Jesus Christ is the Lord of His people and position.

B. He is the one who has forgiven us and given us a new life through His blood. (Mark 2:5, Ephesians 2:1)

C. Jesus has a personal interest in the individual.

D. The creator and the sustainer of the universe lives in you.

III. The Apostle Paul's life work.

A. He gave his life to the presentation of everyman as mature in Christ.

B. Paul's image for laboring is working unto weariness.

C. Paul is striving to help people come to Christ and teaching them for maturity. (1 Corinthians 15:10)

D. Two fundamental principles in evangelism.

1. God does it. We fight our battles with the Word of God. (Acts 2)

2. God uses people to do it. (Acts 10:1-6)

a. Angels cannot preach the gospel.

b. God reserves people to preach the gospel - and a certain kind of people.

IV. The Lordship of Jesus.

A. Objectively Jesus is Lord over creation. (Mark 4:36)

B. Subjectively Jesus is Lord in the lives of His people. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

C. We were created by Him, and we were bought by Him - we are twice His. (Genesis 1, Psalm 100:3, Colossians 1:7)

Application questions

1. What is the work of Jesus Christ in the believer, and how can he say that he is twice God's?

2. What was Paul's twofold objective, and why do both complement each other?

3. In what ways does the subjective Lordship of Jesus demonstrate itself in your life? What ways do you seek to grow?
