

Sermon Notes

Deeper: Part Two Growing in Christ

Introduction

We need a vision of Christ that is not just orthodoxy, but one that brings His Glory in our hearts.

Growing in Christ is relational, not a formula or experience.

I. Unsearchable

"...the unsearchable reaches of Christ." (Ephesians 3:8)

1. Following a junior varsity Jesus, we have made him unsurprising and predictable.

A. Ruling

1. "All authority in heaven and earth has been given unto me." (Matthew 28:18)
2. Jesus controls hold steady, strong, supreme & exhaustive.
3. God controls everything about us.

B. Saving

1. We needed not just help, but full-scale deliverance.
2. Do you know the price paid for our salvation?
3. "But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." (Luke 7:47)

C. Befriending

1. "No longer do I call you servant but friend." (John 15:15)
2. Is Jesus your dearest and truest friend?
3. A friend to tax collectors and sinners.

D. Preserving

1. Jesus is a non-vacillating friend.
2. "...He loved them to the end." (John 13:1)
3. We cannot sin out of the grip of Jesus.

E. Intercession

1. "Jesus is the one...who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us." (Romans 8:34)
2. He is more committed to your growth than you are.

F. Tender

1. "I am gentle and lowly in heart." (Matthew 11:29)
2. Our heart is who we are.
3. No matter how much you sin, His grace abounds more.

II. Conclusion

Will you spend the rest of your life wading into the unsearchable riches of Christ?