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Weekly Action Report

Use the Message Action Plan below to help put the things you learned this weekend into practice.

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Christ The King

Why It Matters?

Colossians 1:9-17



Celebrating Christ's Incarnation should never outshine why Jesus came in the first place.

The Apostle Paul in this section of his letter to the Colossians tells us in verses 12 and 13

that Jesus is a king first and foremost, a king, who came as one of us.

...and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, Colossians 1:12,13

Paul goes on to tell us about his kingship:

1. The King that Jesus is. 2. The King he can be in you.

I. The King Jesus is.

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. Colossians 1:15

vs. 15-The baby who came to us is no other than the Second Person of the Triune God.

Paul writes in Philippians: In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality

with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8

Action Step: We asked to emulate Jesus, here we see a humble, sacrificial, servant. If God can do it, why shouldn't we?

16 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. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:16,17

Obviously the implications of such a statement are staggering. Sunday we talked about the enormity of creation and sustaining it's physical order. If Christ is holding both the physical elements of the cosmos and the moral aspect of the cosmos then here's what Paul is saying about the moral order of the world . **"To the degree you have your life under the kingship of Christ, to that degree your life will hold together, and to the degree you are not under his lordship and not under his mastery, to that degree your life will fall apart.**

Action Step: What I mean by one's life coming apart, it's not what happens to you that determines if your life is coming apart, it's how you react to life when something happens to you that measures how your life is being held together.

II. The King Jesus can be:

If Jesus is this big, then aligning yourself to Him is the best thing you can do in life.

Therefore Paul in the opening paragraph prays that Jesus' followers would:

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father...

What is he saying? *Being a Christian is a process of understanding what the will of the King is, with greater and greater understanding. In order to get under his lordship, you have a process.*

All of your life you learn more and more what God desires. It takes time to learn those things.

Action Step: *Your life comes together the more you're under the kingship of Christ.*

Somebody says, *"All right, how do I do that?" It is critical to see how you enter the kingship before you can even possibly grow into it. The way you enter is right here:*

"... giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. Colossians 1:12

Here's Paul coming and saying, "If you're a Christian, You've been qualified." If you look, it doesn't say you obey to get qualified. It says you get qualified, and then you come in under the kingdom.

How did he qualify us?

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."
Colossians 1:13,14

Jesus stood in the place of the unworthy ones, and he got what the unworthiness is due.

When you become a Christian, there has been an exchange. That's what redemption means. He now has become your worthiness.

Action Step: *We don't earn favor from God we accept His favor through Jesus. Your life will come together as you "please" him, but gladly obeying only happens if you see he has qualified you from his love to you.*

so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: vs.10

On Christmas, the angels did not sing, "Here's a course of action by which you can reach heaven one day." They didn't come and say, "Now unto you is given this day a course of behavior."

No it says, "Unto you is born this day a Savior. For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given."

May you personally rejoice in God's great gift to you this Advent season.

Merry Christmas family!!!

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