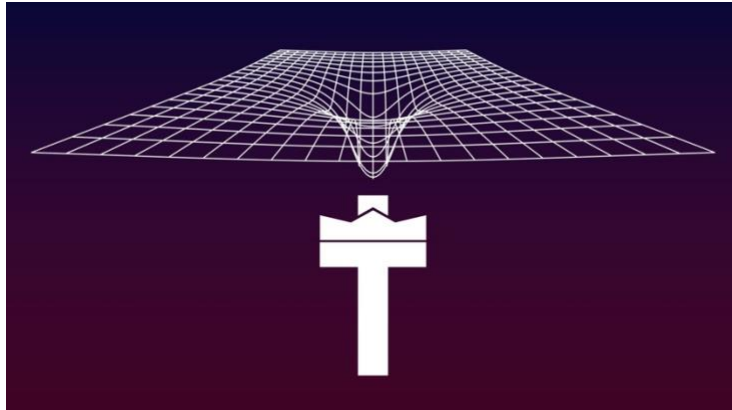


Centered on Christ

Col 1:1-2



Background: Despite completing yet another pass around the Sun, the world in 2021 felt more off-center than ever. Maybe we're ready to get off this ride -- or maybe we need to recenter ourselves, to recenter the parts of our lives around something immovable, unshakeable, and unchangeable? And maybe -- no, definitely -- the Bible has the center of gravity we need to pull the pieces of our lives together. Join us on the first Sunday of 2022 as we begin a new series in the Apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians!

Sermon Text: Heb 11:8-16 (ESV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- a. As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you the most?
- b. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- c. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?

2. Sermon questions (pick 3)

- a. Going into 2022, what are you looking forward most in the new year? How can you "bend" it – whatever it is – around God?
- b. Going into 2022, do you feel like you're life is "wobbling?" Why or why not?
- c. Eugene said that even in the smallest details of our lives, the gravity of Christ can be felt. How do you respond to this statement? Can you see evidence of this in your own life?
- d. Paul begins his letters by blessing "grace and peace" to all his readers. What would it look like practically for you to bless your neighbors with grace and peace from God this year?
- e. Going into 2022, is Jesus the center of your life? If not, what is? If yes, what can you do to keep him at the center?
- f. Would you say that Jesus is at the center of our church? Why or why not?