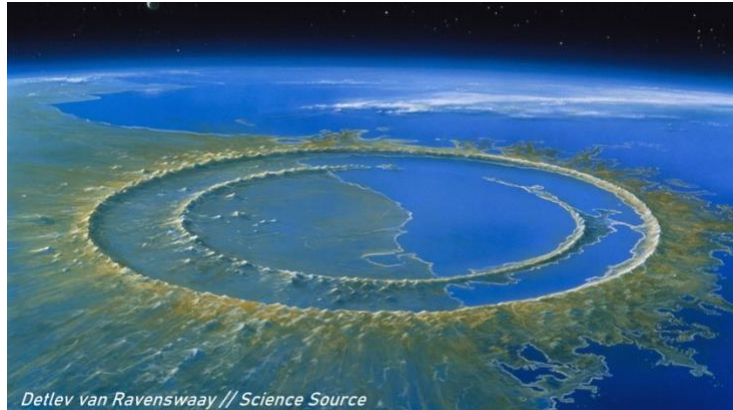


The Impact of Christ

Col 1:3-8



Background: What do Christ and a 66 million-year-old, dinosaur-killing asteroid have in common? More than you might think! The astrophysics continues into the second week of our study of Paul's letter to the Colossians as we take a look at Colossians 1:3-8 and consider "the Impact of Christ". Massive things make an impact; what impact does Christ make on our lives?

Sermon Text: Col 1:3-8 (ESV)

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, 7 just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

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

2. Sermon questions (pick 3)

- How important is the idea of mission in your life? Are you considering taking the Perspectives class? Why or why not?
- Paul is praying for the church in Colossae. How do you respond when people say they are praying for you?
- Epaphras fulfilled the Great Commission for the Colossian church. Who was "a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf"?
- Where do you see the impact of Christ in your life?
- What is the evidence of faith, hope and love in your life? Would you say any of them have grown in your life? If so, how?