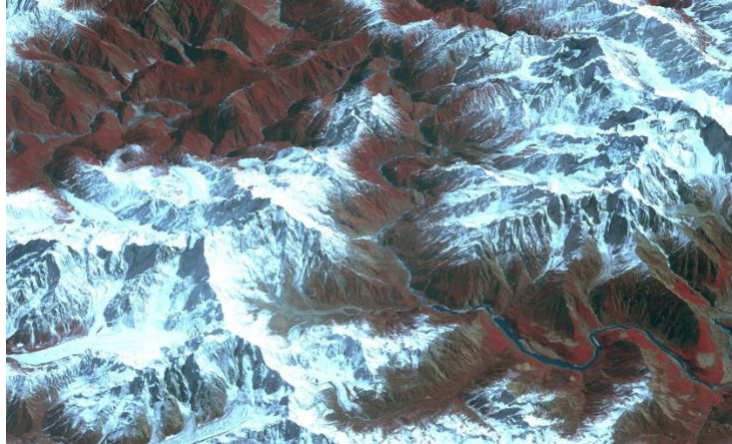


The Sojourners of Christ

Col 1:9-14



Background: A month ago, at the height of Christmas shopping, many of us were asking, "What do you give the person who has everything?" When we think about the Colossian Christians' faith, hope, and love, we might wonder something similar: What do you pray for the person who already has these things? The apostle Paul would have answered, "More of the same!" Come find out why in the third sermon of our series in the letter to the Colossians. As we look at Colossians 1:9-14, perhaps we will see why consistency is key when it comes to faith, hope, and love.

Sermon Text: Col 1:9-14 (ESV)

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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. Are you enjoying saying the Apostle's Creed each week this month? Why or why not? What is your favorite part of the creed?
- b. Respond to these statements: "Faith, hope and love are verbal nouns. They must be acted out to be real."
- c. Where in your life have you had to patiently endure in faith, hope and love? What helped you endure?
- d. Eugene said that experiences of Christ's glory and presence are usually quiet and sometimes even mundane, even like an "eroding river." Name time(s) in your life when Christ's work in your life was "gradual and repetitive?"
- e. As you think about your walk, where is it right now? Are you growing in faith, hope and love? Why or why not?