

Colossians:

The Supremacy of Jesus

Fulfilled Faith

Scripture: Colossians 1:1-14

Bible Study Week #1

Big Question: What fills a healthy faith?

Big Idea: *If we have need of God we need to ask God.*

Introduction: Membership in *God's Club*

V. #1-2 Authors of Letter

- Author: Paul and Timothy
- Authority: Paul's Status as an Apostle
- Recipients: The Church at Colossae

V. #3-8 Attitude of Letter

- Grateful for their faith
- Assuring of their status in God's family
- Affirming of their leader Ephraim

V. #9-14 Asks of the Letter

- God given spirit driven wisdom and understanding
- God inspired and fruit bearing faith
- God empowered endurance until the day of the fullness of God's redemption

Applications: How do I take possession of this message and live it out in my life?

- Commit to man's greatest end... knowing God.
- Commit to man's greatest gift... relationship with God. (Prayer)
- Use man's greatest gift for all it is worth... pray specifically for...
 - God's knowledge
 - God's fruit
 - God's patience

*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, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.*

Colossians 1:10-12