

Good Advice or Good News?

Colossians 1:9-14; 19-23

- The Predicament-

We may have a sense of CULTURAL exile, but the deeper spiritual reality is that ALL CREATION is in exile.

- The Proclamation

The Gospel is GOOD NEWS not GOOD ADVICE.

- The Paradigm

The Gospel is about the MOMENT that defines every MOMENT.

Sermon Description

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We have been thinking through the missional context for living as the church in cultural exile.

In an effort for relevancy the church can be tempted to offering “good advice” to the culture where we “feel” exiled. The Scripture demonstrates that while we may feel like we are in cultural exile, the more true reality is that we are a free people ministering to a culture which is truly in exile. We are a people who feel the tension of living as free people in a culture still in exile. The church and our culture need the Good News of Jesus not the good advice we may settle for.

This Sunday we will examine

- The Predicament- Where all humanity (not an exiled few) find themselves

Under Dominion of Darkness, Enemies, Blemished, Under Accusation, Weight of Sin,

(Movie Clip from Unbroken)

- The Proclamation- The liberating, life giving, identity shaping “Good News” that was/is accomplished through Jesus
 - The Problem- The modern tendencies within church toward relevancy while missing power and point of Good News... substitute Good News with good advice for getting the most out of life now
 - OR relegating Good News as salvation for “one day” while I sit in exile waiting for that future heavenly kingdom... by presenting good advice on how to one day “go to heaven”
- The Paradigm- Living with a faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ pervading how we see and respond to all things.

Series Invitation