We Are Christ-Centred

Colossians 1v15-20; 2v6-7

I INTRODUCTION

A) Core Values are a way of ensuring our practices reflect our beliefs and that our beliefs do actually get worked out in practice. At CCW, we have ten Core Values and we're going to examine each one, where it's found in Scripture and what it looks like in practice. The first is: we are a Christ-centred church because Jesus is pre-eminent, the source of our spiritual life, and focusing on him protects us from error.

II JESUS IS SUPREME (1v15-20)

A) The one who makes God visible *(v15; Rom. 1v27; 1 Tim. 1v17; Heb. 1v3; Col. 1v27; 3v16; Eph. 5v18)*

B) The one who surpasses all others *(v18)*

i) The Creator *((Jn. 1v14; Acts 17v25; Heb. 1v2)*

ii) The Head of the body *(Eph. 1v22; 4v15; 5v23; 2 Cor. 11v4)*

iii) The Firstborn from the dead *(1 Cor. 15v20; Phil. 3v20-21)*

iv) The One who fully reconciles *(Eph. 2v16)*

III JESUS IS THE SOURCE OF OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE (2v6-7)

A) Christ-centred living: you have Christ in you, now walk in Him. *(Eph. 4v1; Gal. 6v16)*

B) Hindrances to Christ-centred living *(2v8, 16, 18)*

i) Philosophy: earthly, unspiritual, demonic *(Col. 2v8; Jam. 3v15)*

ii) Legalism: questions of food and drink, festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths *(Col. 2v16, 21; Gal. 3v21-24; 1 Tim. 1v8-11; 1 Cor. 6v12-20)*

iii) Spiritual Experiences: asceticism, angel worship, visions *(Col. 2v18, 23)*

IV CONCLUSION

A) We proclaim Jesus *(Col. 1v28-29)*