



“The Gospel-Driven Life”

Colossians 1:1-14

LISTEN

Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:

SHARE

a) Describe a time when God’s love for you felt very real and personal:

b) How often does God’s love feel that real and personal to you – All the time? Most of the time? Sometimes? Rarely? Never?

c) If your answer was not “All the time,” what do you see as the problem?

REFLECT

a) Read Colossians 1:1-14.

b) What was Paul’s purpose in writing this letter to the Colossians?

c) What phrases, verses, or ideas most stand out to you in this week’s passage?

d) What do you find remarkable about this passage of Scripture, given that Paul was writing from prison?

e) If this were the only Bible passage you had in your possession, what would you know about the gospel?

APPLY

a) List all the words and phrases you can find in this passage that tell you who you are in Christ:

b) Do you believe those things are true about you? If so, how has the truth about your identity impacted your life recently? If not, why not?

c) Mike's main point in his sermon this week was that we must get our power for daily living from the gospel, rather than from our performance, success, popularity, church attendance, and other transient things. What is one step you can begin to take today to live out of the gospel?

d) Another way of looking at it is to say that we need to think like a son or daughter of God rather than as an orphan. Read Galatians 4:4-7 and rewrite it in the first person, with your name as the object of God's affection:

PRAY

a) Pray that as we study the book of Colossians together this fall, we will absorb and apply the gospel more personally and deeply than we ever have before.

b) Ask God to help the people of UPC know him better through the worship, preaching, teaching, and other ministries of the church.

c) Pray for someone you know is suffering physically.

d) Pray for our youth leaders, Matt Ryman (high school) and Clay Walkup (middle school).