**KINSHIP STUDY OF PAUL’s LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS**

Week Two **Monday 25th & Thursday 28th August**

I want to start by going back to last week’s reading and share with you a note from my Study Bible:

*The three great Christian virtues of faith love and hope appear also in Romans 5: 2-5; 1 Corinthians 13:13; Galatians 5:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:3 & 5:8; Hebrews 10:22-24.*

A reminder of the centrality of Faith, Hope and Love!

**This week we are in …Colossians 1:15 - 29**

**Christ Supreme.**

Tom Wright introduces this passage with the metaphor of the Lord Jesus being the mirror image of God. We may not / cannot see God, but in Jesus we do ‘see God’.

**SEVEN QUESTIONS**

Read through the verses 15 - 20.

1. This is an early Christian poem which declares that Christianity is all about Jesus Christ … and in fact that all of life, here and eternally is all about Jesus Christ!

Is this easy to comprehend? What does it say to you?

2. Verses 15-17 talk about Jesus and his place in creation.

This is majestic language. What does it say to you about Jesus and his place in eternity and in relation to the universal and universal powers? How would you put this into words when talking to others.

3. v 18. ‘The head of the body, the church’

How do understand this? What should it mean about how we live and worship and work together? Do we need a more spiritual / faith based understanding of Church?

4. VV 19-20. Remember the words of the hymn, “There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin”? How do these verses explain that Jesus, and only Jesus, could “make peace through his blood shed on the cross”.

Read through verses 21 - 29

5. What is the Gospel that Paul describes here? How does he describe it? In what ways has our life / status changed? Perhaps write down the different elements.

6. What is the source of Paul’s joy (Verses 24 - 25)

7. What is the mystery that Paul refers to twice in verses 26 &27?

Monday evenings on Zoom @ 19.00 hrs

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