

FAITH AND LOVE

6/20 & 6/21

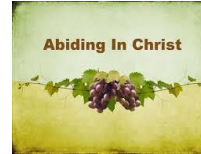
[Colossians 1:3-8](#) – Paul hears about the faith of the Colossian church. We do not know how he hears about them, but he does. Paul starts by thanking God for their faith and love. Their faith in Jesus gave them the strength to share the good news of Jesus' forgiveness. Their faith gave them the strength to love others and support them through difficult times. Their love for others was how they lived out their faith and gave them hope to continue sharing the gospel. Paul is holding them up as an example for us to follow. As we learn more about them, the fruit of our ministry continues to show others our faith and love.

What is the fruit of ministry?

How do you love others?

Where is your faith leading you?

Sermon Notes



Our Journey for June 15 – June 21, 2026

Over the summer, we take time to dig into one book of the Bible. This summer, we will go through Colossians. Colossians is a letter Paul wrote to the church in Colossae, located in Asia Minor, more specifically near Ephesus. The church in Colossae was not started by Paul. It was started by Epaphras, a faithful minister whom Paul knew and trusted. It was written while Paul was imprisoned in Rome around 60 A.D. Paul wrote this letter to combat some false teachings that had infiltrated the church in Colossae. AS you can imagine, it is hard for Paul to write to a church that he didn't start to correct teaching that was taking followers of Jesus away from Jesus. Paul struggled to correct the Corinthian church he had founded. My prayer is that as we walk through Colossians, we will hear Jesus speaking to us. ~

Pastor Seth

A LIGHT TO GUIDE

Mon. 6/15

[Psalm 119:105-112](#) – Flashlights are very useful. All of us have been in some dark places where a flashlight guided us to safety. It could have been during a storm when the power was knocked out. It could have been night, and we needed to go down a path with no lights. Psalm 119:105 tells us that God's word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. God's word gives us light and leads us to safety when life is dark and chaotic. We may be uncertain about our next steps, but as we seek God through His word, we can see part of the way. We may want certainty and clarity, but that is not what God provides. He provides the next step. The question really becomes: will we take that step?

When has God's word been that light for you?

What do you need to do to see God's word as a light for your path?

TEACHING OUR FAMILY

Tue. 6/16

[Deuteronomy 6:1-9](#) – We pass on to our children many things, so we intentionally teach, and others are caught rather than taught. We may take our children hunting and fishing, where we teach them safety techniques. At the same time, we may unintentionally teach shortcuts that undermine those techniques because we have them as our foundation and assume everyone does. Moses teaches the Israelites, as they are in the wilderness and preparing to enter the land God promised them, that they need to take time to teach their children who God is and what He has done. They need to teach their children not the shortcuts but the basics of God's love, and how He has been with them through their time in Egypt and is fulfilling His promises, so they will follow God and continue to be blessed.

How do shortcuts hinder people?

What shortcuts have hindered people's faith in God?

RESPONSES TO HARD TRUTHS

Wed. 6/17

[Jeremiah 26:1-19](#) – What do you do with the teachings that do not line up with your current thinking or practice? People will point out inconsistencies in our beliefs. What do we do? The prophet Jeremiah goes to the Temple and shares what God told him. This message was difficult because it spoke of the destruction of a place of worship and a city that was revered. God gave the message to Jeremiah in hopes that the people would repent and turn back to Him, but the religious people grabbed Jeremiah and were prepared to hurt him. As the ruckus grew, more people joined in condemning Jeremiah. Then the officials came to Jeremiah's defense, along with the respected elders, to calm things down.

Why do we react harshly to some teachings and not to others?

What do you do with the words of others that cause a reaction within your heart?

NOT FAR FROM?

Thur. 6/18

[Mark 12:28-34](#) – Some conversations are hard to forget. There are the ones etched in our minds as we celebrate great moments. There are others that we will not forget because of the tragic events surrounding them. There are a few conversations that show how close people are to understanding what we know. Jesus is in one of those conversations. A religious leader asks him what the greatest commandment is. Jesus responds with loving the Lord and loving your neighbors. The religious leader sees the truth in Jesus' answer and acknowledges that truth. Jesus tells him that he is not far from the Kingdom of God. The man is on the cusp of understanding who Jesus is, but is not there yet. We can feel Jesus' angst as he wants the man to believe in him but cannot make him do so.

What conversations are hard to forget?

What do you do when people are on the cusp of knowing Jesus?

LIVING WITH HOPE

Fri. 6/19

[Acts 9:36-43](#) – What will people remember you for? Will it be for your cooking? Your conversation? Your values? Each of us has something that we are known for, and in Acts 9:36-43, we read about a faithful woman named Tabitha. She was known for her faith and actions. She did a lot of good things in her community by helping the poor. Her example was so great that the community of faith sent Peter, who was in the next town. When Peter arrived, he heard the stories about Tabitha and prayed over her. When Tabitha came back to life, she went back to doing what she did best. She served those around her and continued to point people toward Jesus.

What are you known for?

How are you pointing others to Jesus?