



FIRST BAPTIST

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Order of Service:

Welcome/Call to Worship

God of Wonders

Desert Song

Goodness of God

Prayer

Great Are You Lord

Message Pastor Kevin Ewaskow

Let's Get Personal: Marks of the Faithful

Colossians 1:24 - 2:5

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Benediction

October 18th, 2020

First Baptist Church Cranbrook is a vibrant, growing community of believers, seeking to exercise each person's unique gifts, to live in authentic relationship with one another as an intergenerational community and to act on what God is calling us to do within our many neighbourhoods of life.

Colossians 1:24 - 2:5

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

¹ I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. ² My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

“Glory is what we are after. Whatever else glory is, it is not just more of what we already have or the perfection of what we already have. Do we suppose that the Christian life is simply our human, biological, intellectual, moral life developed and raised a few degrees above the common stock? Do we think that faith in Jesus is a kind of mechanism, like a car jack, that we use to lever ourselves up to a higher plane where we have access to God?

Jesus’ imagery, to be followed soon by his sacrifice, is totally counter to our culture of more, more. Could Jesus have made it any clearer? We don’t become more, we become less. Instead of grasping more tightly to whatever we value, we let it all go: “*He who loses his life will save it.*” “*Blessed are the poor in spirit,*” is another way Jesus said it.

Here’s the thing: we must let Jesus define the glory for us or we will miss it entirely. The astonishing thing from our perspective is that so few people who were around Jesus “saw his glory.” They were looking right at the glory and didn’t see it. They variously perceived Jesus in ignorance, lack of sophistication, blasphemy, lawlessness, an excellent not-to-be-missed opportunity to exploit, a threat that would destroy a privileged way of life, and finally, at the crucifixion, abject failure.”

(*Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places* pg. 102, Eugene Peterson)

Special Offering:

At thanksgiving we take up a special offering to give to somewhere in our world that is in need. This year our special offering for the next 2 weeks will be designated to CBM (Canadian Baptist ministries), one of our partner ministry organizations. Specifically, the donation will go to their emergency relief initiatives around the world. For more information visit: <https://www.cbmin.org>. You can drop off a cheque made out to FBC at the church with a notation that it is for the special CBM offering, OR you can donate directly to CBM: <https://www.cbmin.org/donateonetimegift/>
If you donate directly to CBM please let us know how much you gave so we can have a total at the end. Thank you.

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