

**“What Does it Mean to Have Faith in Jesus?” 10/26/08**

**Colossians 1:1-8**

**Studies in Colossians- “The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus”**

Jesus is the Supreme: Creator (1:16-17); King (1:13); Savior/Redeemer (1:14); Image of God (1:16); Sustainer of all things (1:17); Head of the church (1:18); Firstborn of the Resurrection (1:18); Reconciler (1:20); Sanctifier (1:22); Hope (1:27); Power (1:29); Ruler over heavenly host (2:10); Possessor of all wisdom and knowledge (2:3); Deity (2:9); Victor (2:14-15); Fulfillment of God’s Word (2:16-17); Teacher (3:16); Rewarder (3:24); Master (4:1) and sits at right hand of God in no greater position (2:3). How is that for resume?

**World offers us wrong solutions!**

**POINT 1-** Faith in Jesus is rooted in the gracious WILL of God

- A. Paul’s faith was given to Him even though he wasn’t SEARCHING (Acts 9; Romans 10:20; John 6:37; Eph 2:1-3; Rom 3:10-11; **Matt 11:27**)

*Going Deeper* God wants you to be thankful to Jesus for granting you Faith!

**POINT 2-** Faith in Jesus is rooted in His Person, Promises, and FRUIT

- A. Faith in Jesus adopts us into a holy and faithful family, but in the world. (1 Peter 1:15-16; Hebrews 11:6; Rom 14:23; Matt 25:21; Matt 5:16)
- B. Faith in Jesus opens us up to His Grace and PEACE (Grace- Rom 8:31; Eph 2:8-9; 4:7; **2 Cor 12:9**; Phil 4:6-7; John 14:27)
- C. Faith in Jesus is demonstrated most importantly by LOVE (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a; 1 Peter 4:8; John 13:35)
- D. Faith in Jesus is demonstrated because we trust in His HOPE (Hebrews 11:6; 13:5; Luke 1:37; Is Jesus all those things above?)  
*What are we really saying when we complain? Lament? Despair?*
- E. Faith in Jesus is shown as we grow in the fruit of the SPIRIT (Galatians 5:22-23; Service- John 15:16)
- F. Faith in Jesus is always evidenced by faithful SERVANTS (Ephesians 4:12-16; 1 Corinthians 1:21; 3:6-7; Have you thanked them?)

**Did you receive the gospel directly from God or an Angel?**

*Going Deeper* God wants you to evaluate the state of your faith in His all sufficient Son!

*“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.”*  
2 Corinthians 13:5