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"JESUS RULES AND ETERNITY IS REAL"
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COLOSSIANS 2:8-3:5 (ESV)

How Jesus is the first and best of our lives:

1. We want to be a disciple-making-disciples church.
2. We desire to decrease the "lost" population of Lufkin.
3. We want to be continually reaching our world.

INSIGHT: We serve Christ through the trinity of our lives: time, talent, and our treasure.

I. JESUS PLUS NOTHING EQUALS EVERYTHING.

INSIGHT: The pluralism of their day had its influence on their worship.

INSIGHT: Colossae had a Jesus-plus, a Jesus-and mentality.

TRUTH: Once you have Christ, you have it all. Jesus plus nothing equals everything.

TRUTH: In Christ we now possess the one who is Himself the fullness of God. If we have Christ, we have it all.

II. LIVE AS IF JESUS RULES AND ETERNITY IS REAL.

What did Jesus say of Himself?

1. I am the way...
2. Come unto Me and I will give you rest...
3. In Him was life and the life was the light of men. Colossians 2:10, "And you have been filled in Him;"
Philippians 3:8

TRUTH: For Paul everything he had learned in university that had to do with life and eternity could be set aside and counted loss as compared to Christ.

MISTAKE: Today many Americans make the mistake of making Christ a part of their lives.

TRUTH: Everything comes down to Christ, everything. Through Christ we are reconciled to God. Through Christ I am regenerated, brought from death to life, fundamentally changed at my core.

INSIGHT: All you get from a human resource is human wisdom, and human wisdom does not transcend time and space.

TRUTH: Jesus Christ is the last man standing at the end of it all...only Christ endures forever! Jesus rules and eternity is real. If we have Jesus, we have it all! NOW GO AND LIVE LIKE IT!