



Colossians

Bible Study Notes

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Lesson 13

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“Keep the Main Thing The Main Thing”

Colossians 4:2-6

Ephesians 5:15, 6:18-20

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What command does Jesus give to all those gathered there? Was this command only intended for those people at that time?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:15 (again). How does this help to clarify whether the command given by Jesus in Matthew 28 was only for those there that day?
3. Read Romans 10:14-17. What must be done for people to come to Christ in faith? How does this show that the saying “Preach the Gospel at all times and use words when necessary” is false?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13. Paul, again, emphasizes God’s sovereignty in giving gifts to people for His glory. Yet, we see in 13:1, that these gifts all pale in comparison to what? What does Paul tell us *will* pass away? What, then, should we remember is the key to our behavior?
5. The following is a quote from Charles Spurgeon that, I think, sums up the attitude we should have as strive to keep the main thing the main thing. *“If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped around their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let no one go unwarned and unsprayed for.”* If we truly understand that hell is real and that real people are going to go there, what is the most loving thing we can do? What is the “main thing”?

As you spend time in prayer today, ask God to give you a heart that desires to obey Him, even when it is uncomfortable. Ask Him to help you to remember what the most loving thing truly is, and ask Him to help you to share that message with the lost world, with love and grace, for His glory.