

Refuse Religious Distractions
Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing
Colossians 2:11-15

What is our main thing?

Without focus on the main thing, we become distracted.

- Inefficient at best or
- We miss the mark completely

READ Colossians 2:9-15

- The Fullness of God in Christ
- The Filling (completing) of the believer in Christ
- VS 11 Circumcision in and by Christ
 - Better than that of Abraham
 - Done by God rather than by man
 - The whole vs the part
 - Limited vs complete
- VS 12 Buried with Christ
 - Spiritual baptism like spiritual circumcision
 - Body of flesh buried forever

- VS 12 Raised with Christ
 - Burial is the beginning but raising in the end result of spiritual baptism
 - Pictures of baptism
 - Jonah
 - Noah
 - 1 Peter 3: The closeness of baptism and salvation
- VS 13 Death to Life
 - Boring Testimonies?
 - We are dead corpses outside of Christ
 - Powerless, helpless, unaware
 - Made alive together with Christ
 - The miracle of the life of EVERY believer
 - The Main Thing that separates Christianity from all other beliefs
 - All others- we chase and pursue God
 - Christianity- Our God pursues us
 - Our life is tied and held together with that of Christ.

- VS 14 Forgiveness and Cancellation
 - The written record of our debt (Revelation 20)
 - All sins are a debt owed to God
 - Righteous requirement of the law **MUST** be upheld
 - It was nailed to the cross where it was wiped, blotted, and obliterated
 - Our sins listed on the cross as the reason for Christ Death
- VS 15 Disarmed and Defeated Enemies and the Victorious Christ
 - Satan holds the power of sin, deception, and accusation over mankind
 - Christ on the Cross "strips off" their powers
 - We need not seek to appease or fear any of these powers because they hold nothing over the follower of Jesus
 - Open Shame and Victory
 - Roman parades of victory
 - This is how Christ has triumphed over Satan

**What is the Main Thing? It is the
Crucified Christ, Standing RISEN AND
VICTORIOUS**

**Keep HIM the Main Thing in all we seek to do
as followers of Jesus, and as FBC**

HE is why we Glorify

HE is why we Go

HE is why we Grow

**If we keep the Victorious Christ as the
MAIN THING, we will not miss the mark
as disciples of Jesus or as a Church.**

Discussion Question

1. What are things that you are prone to be distracted by in your personal walk with Christ?
2. What are things that you are distracted by that keep you from being an effective member of the body at FBC?
3. How can you advance the Kingdom of God this week in the power of the Victorious Christ?
4. What is keeping you from sharing the miraculous work of Christ in your life?

DAILY JOURNAL PROMPTS

August 31- What is one way I can make Jesus the center of my life today?

September 1- How does knowing I'm fully forgiven change the way I see myself?

September 2- What guilt or shame do I need to leave at the cross today?

September 3- What distractions are pulling my focus away from Jesus?

September 4- Where in my life do I need to trust in Jesus' victory more fully?

September 5- Am I living like I'm free, or like I'm still in chains?

September 6- How did I keep Jesus first this week—and where can I grow?