

Colossians 1:1-8 Does your knowledge of God make you act?

1. What is the best news you have ever received?
 2. If you were arrested tonight and put on trial, based upon how you live your life, what would you be accused of? Why?
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Read v. 1-5

1. What characteristics of the Colossians church prompted Paul to be thankful? Why?
 2. What is the Gospel and how is it really “Good News?”
 3. What expectations do you have of God? Why?
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Read v. 6-8

1. What are some ways a follower of Christ “bears fruit?”
 2. Read James 2:14-26. Is it enough to just believe in Jesus? (Romans 10:9-10)
 3. When you hear that “we *should* do good works” how does that make you feel?
 4. What are you going to do with what you have learned tonight?
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What I will be talking about

Many of us know about the Gospel. We have heard that Jesus Christ died for our sins, allowing us to be faultless in God’s eyes so that our sins are forgiven. This happened when Jesus rose from the dead proving he had the power to conquer sin and death. Many people know this. But what verse 6 is saying, is that not only did they hear and know the truth of the Gospel but they understood it. There is a big difference between knowing something and understanding something. Have you ever been in a conversation and the other person just stares at you kind of awkwardly and you know they just aren’t getting what you are saying? How many of us know what Jesus did, what the Gospel is, say we love God but live as if we don’t understand it? That’s called being a Christian Atheist. A Christian Atheist is someone who says they believe in God but lives and acts as if God doesn’t exist.