MYSTERY REVEALED

Jesus + nothing = everything

The Mystery of Faith

Colossians 1:1-14

Connecting with Colossians:

Writer: _____

Recipients: Believers in _____

Date: _____

Purpose of the letter: To remind believers of a very important Kingdom equation:

Jesus + nothing = _____

There's a tendency to shift toward either _____ or _____.

Theme: Mystery Revealed: God's Divine Plan for Redemption, Completeness & _____ in Jesus Christ.

The Mystery of Faith

Hebrews 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

God has chosen to interact with us on the basis of _____.

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Three vital beliefs about God.

1) That He _____.

Romans 1:20 - For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

2) That He has our _____ at heart and a reward in mind.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

3) That He can do what He has _____.

Romans 4:20-21 - Yet he (*Abraham*) did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

The goal of faith is not the elimination of risk. There is no such thing as risk free faith.

What does a healthy faith look like?

1) It has the desire to live a life that honors God and is _____ to Him.

2) It's involved in work that bears spiritual fruit.

3) It's growing in the _____ of God.

4) It relies on the strength God provides in order to endure with _____.

5) It's filled with joyful thanksgiving to God.

Take-a-way:

Take some time this week to sit down and _____ the idea that

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