



Colossians 1:21-23

Epaphras brought the good news of Jesus to the Colossians. The concern of Paul for this church was that it was not a group of people he knew, and not a church he established. As a result he was concerned at the pressure on the church and the individuals in it to conform to the religious culture that surrounded them. and that they knew the truth of gospel. He knew they faced unhelpful influences from outside the church and the potential for false teaching within the church. Now he is concerned that the individuals in the church as well as the church as a whole fully understood what Christ has achieved and how.



1. From these verses what do we learn of;
 - a. the condition from which Jesus rescued us?
 - b. The cost of Jesus rescuing us?
 - c. Jesus goal in rescuing us?
 - d. What is required of those who desire fully to enjoy these benefits?

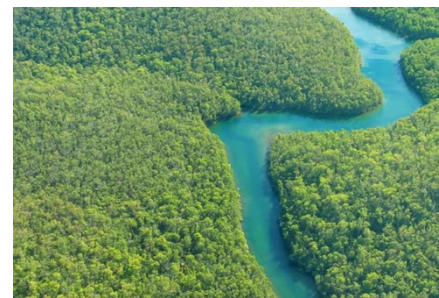
2. Epaphras brought the good news of Jesus to the Colossians. Share in your group how each came to faith in Jesus and the people who were instrumental in doing that. What influences does your journey with Jesus have

with you now? As a result of your journey what can you bring to Christ Church to share for the benefit of others?

3. How have we been reconciled? Using Colossians explain the difference Jesus Christ has made in your life.

4. By faith our lives, even our lives in the church, can be turned from a meandering with vulnerability and separation from God to lives with a purpose, no longer meandering.

Philippians 2:15 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.



5. In verse 22 Paul writes that they will be free from accusation. What do you think that means?



6. God will equip us, if we allow him, to continue in faith, established and firm? What major threats do we face as individuals and as a church, and what is our responsibility as we face these things?

