

Union With Christ

Colossians 1-3

Main Point - If we have Jesus we have everything.

Discussion Questions

Discuss:

- What did Lucy receive in the mail? (letter from her grandparents, with a ticket to Perth inside)
- Who had paid for the ticket? (her grandparents, she didn't have to pay anything, it was paid in full)
- Hand each child a ticket.
- Fill in the missing sections of the ticket: their name, paid in full by Jesus, ticket from (name of where they live) to Heaven.
- Discuss as they fill in their ticket how amazing it is that they are given this ticket by Jesus, they don't deserve it, it costs them nothing, it's already been pre-paid for long ago, nothing is owing on the ticket, it's free to them...

Read Colossians 2:20a, 3:1-4

- Colossians keeps using the words 'in Jesus' or 'with Jesus'. Paul is saying we are united with Jesus.
- List inside the cross all the areas where we are united with Jesus (i.e. what does Jesus do or have that we now do or have).
- Examples: we died with Jesus, set free, raised with Jesus, seated in heaven with Jesus, new life in Jesus, share in Jesus' glory.
- But Jesus just doesn't just pay for the ticket to heaven - he gives us so much more. When the plane took off, what happened to Lucy?
- When the plane climbed up through the clouds, what happened to Lucy?
- When the plane was tossed around as it went through the storm, what happened to Lucy?
- Everything that happened to the plane happened to Lucy.

In Colossians we read again and again and again that everything Jesus did and everything Jesus has, we do and we have. So when Jesus died on the cross to pay for sin, what did we do?

(we died with him - our sins were all paid for)

- So when Jesus came back to life again, never to die again, what did we do?

(we were given new life, we will now live forever)

- Jesus is now ruling in heaven, what do we do?

(we will rule in heaven too)

Conclusion:

- How amazing is that!
- Jesus not only saves us, he gives us so much more.
- Everything he has we have.
- In fact everything Jesus does, it's like we do it too.
- Everything Jesus inherits we will inherit.
- If we have Jesus we have everything.

Application:

- What is the thing you love most about being 'in Jesus'?

Prayer - Thank God for the thing you mentioned above (application question)

Or

Pray together

Father God, – Jesus has given us everything! – We have a ticket to heaven – paid in full. – We've already died to our sins, – been given new life – and been given everything that Jesus has. – We praise you – that you give us so much more, - more than we could ever imagine. – Amen

Activity suggestions.

Paper Planes

Need:

- A4 paper
- Set of markers/stickers
- Pipe cleaners (if you have some) to make a person.

Instructions:

- Have the children make a paper plane and a pipe cleaner figure to sit in the plane.
- Provide stickers and markers to decorate.
- Then have a competition to see which flies the highest, straightest, fastest, etc. with the figure still inside the plane.

Or

Space or Plane Lego or Duplo

Need:

- Lego that can create either planes or spaceships
- Astronauts or pilots to place inside plane/spaceship

Whichever Activity you do talk with the children about...

- being inside the plane/aircraft
- whatever happens to it happens to you
- the plane is doing all the work in flying you