



Lesson Three = Jesus is First Because of His Gospel  
**Sunday Evening Message by Ray Reynolds (May 25, 2014)**

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**TEXT: Colossians 2:1-10**

Introduction: On Sunday nights we are doing a parallel study to the book of Ephesians (our Sunday morning series). The book of Ephesians explains how Jesus should be seen as our first love. The book of Colossians reveals why Jesus is first. In this lesson we will notice that Jesus is first because of His gospel. The gospel is the good news. Remember that these people were just recovering from 400 years of silence. No doubt, some people might have given up. After that long people were full of fear and doubt, but right when they needed it the most, God provided for His people. He sent Jesus to the cross and redeemed mankind. Let's study together....

Discussion:

***I. The Gospel Encourages (2:1-3)***

- A. We are encouraged to endure conflict (v.1).
- B. We are encouraged to excel in love (v.2).
- C. We are encouraged to exhume treasures (v.3).

***II. The Gospel Unites (2:4-5)***

- A. The gospel does not deceive (v.4).
- B. The gospel does not destroy or devour (v.4).
- C. The gospel does not deviate (v.5).

***III. The Gospel Inspires (2:6-7)***

- A. An inspired Christian has no problem with receptiveness (v.6).
- B. An inspired Christian has no problem with faithfulness (v.7).
- C. An inspired Christian has no problem with thankfulness (v.7).

***IV. The Gospel Motivates (2:8-10)***

- A. We are motivated to be steadfast (v.8).
- B. We are motivated by the Godhead (v.9).
- C. We are motivated toward maturity (v.10).

Conclusion: Jesus needs to be first in your life. He deserves to be first in your life. He wants to take an active role in your salvation and in your daily walk with God. Have you obeyed the gospel plan of salvation? Will you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Have you committed your life to Him? Have you been immersed in His precious blood? Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit? Are you faithfully walking with Him and bearing fruit?