

## Remember the Alamo!

Last week we began to look at the Passage Colossians 1:15-24. There was a lot to see and we have been meditating and thinking about this passage all week.

We all learned about the **Great State of Texas** and the Battle of the Alamo. We learned about what it means to draw a line in the sand and to decide where we stand.

We spent a lot of time just looking at the passage....Noticing things that repeat....lists...verb tenses....conditional phrases....and noted the absence of questions and comparisons.

Paul was telling the believers at Colossae and all of us, this is who Jesus is. There are no questions, no comparisons and if you change anything....you are worshiping someone else.

More importantly you will be depending upon someone for your salvation who does not exist. Jesus is who He is...He remains who He is...unchanged. Jesus doesn't change based on our opinion or belief about Him. He has always existed and will always exist...long before and long after He created us and even allowed us to have an opinion about Him.

Paul is worried about false teachers. He clearly draws a line in the sand...move or change the line...believe anything other than this...and you don't know Jesus. You are worshiping an idol...A Jesus whom you created, not the Jesus who is God.

The year is 60-64 AD Paul is under house arrest in Rome...He is preaching the Gospel, receiving guests and writing letters. A man Paul knows named Epaphras has come and told Paul about the church that he planted in **Colossae, Hierapolis, and Laodicea**. What did Epaphras tell Paul that would move Paul to make the effort to write a letter? Paul almost always wrote to encourage and challenge people in his letters. What was wrong in Colossae? Well, in a nutshell, they were being encouraged to redraw God's line in the sand and make Jesus someone that was more comfortable for them.

Colosse had served as a center for the valley's prosperous wool and textile industries; its place on a major trade route only enhanced its economic advantage. But by the time of Paul its influence had waned. Neighboring Laodicea had replaced Colosse in economic and political importance, while Hierapolis, some fifteen miles away, had grown in prominence as a tourist town, famed for its mineral baths and as a sanctuary for members of the prominent Phrygian mystery cult. Hierapolis is Holy City in Greek. In all likelihood, then, this letter first addressed a small congregation in a rather unimpressive town.

Both from Paul's writings and from Luke's Acts, we know that Paul's evangelistic ministry provoked the wrath of "official" Judaism and made untenable the already fragile relationship between Judaism and the first followers of Christ. Even within the earliest church, some Jewish Christians were offended that Paul's evangelistic mission did not require Gentile converts to jump through the same hoops that Judaism required of its Gentile converts.

Jewish believers had another concern...Without Torah (Law) and tradition (i.e., interpretations of Torah) to provide social and spiritual boundaries, Jewish believers were worried that Christianity as a whole would fail to remain a distinctive community, covenanted with God for salvation, and would be absorbed into the pagan world.

Moreover, Paul considers obedience to the dietary and religious traditions of Judaism unnecessary for converted Gentiles : God calls Gentiles out of the world for salvation by the preaching of Christ. To depend on Jewish tradition rather than Christ's dependable work is to deny the singular significance of his cross and invalidate the empty tomb. The more specific crisis facing the first readers of Colossians is the relationship between Judaism and Pauline Christianity in the town of Colossae, if not also throughout the Lycus valley.

There were three primary false teachings in the Early Church: 1) God did not create the world 2) God did not enter the world as a human and 3) Jesus was not the only way to the Father. Good thing Paul took care of these false teachings so that we don't have to deal with them today...right?

Seriously though. Paul could easily have written this letter to us. What threatens your view of Jesus today? What causes you to think of Jesus as less than He really is? We live in a culture that has dethroned Jesus

If the world is right about Jesus He is just another religious choice in the buffet line of world religions He is the best man who ever lived and a pretty good guy to identify with Is just like us humans and no more than that Just another prophet offering one of many ways to get to God Our society is full of the same teaching... False teachers then and today don't deny Jesus

They just try to dethrone Him They try in every way to make Him less than He is Not Preeminent...but perhaps prominent...not THE way to the Father But maybe "A" way to Him.

We live in a world full of churches and false religions who have redrawn God's line in the sand....we have created a new Jesus...Our Jesus version 2.0...a Jesus that we control....A Jesus who is what we want...a Jesus who will let us continue to worship...us.

So, Paul tells us.....Jesus Christ is Preeminent. He is in first place....in everything. He created it all...It all reports to Him. All things were made...By Him For Him ...Through Him...and He holds everything together. Nothing exists including you unless He desires that it does. If He stopped thinking of you and me, we cease to exist.

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. There is no other name under heaven by which to be saved...Jesus is like no other human who ever walked on this earth.....He is the one who created us...Gives us each breath...Holds us and everything together...Saved us on the cross...Guides us today....And will one day return to judge every soul Including yours....and mine. He is the only thing in the universe who deserves our worship and has the right to command it.

This passage explains the most important aspect of Christianity. The teachings in this passage are what makes Christianity The One true Religion...The Only way to be saved Not just some philosophy or way of life

Was Jesus a great example to follow? Absolutely....the best A great teacher? Absolutely.... The Best Could you turn his teachings into a Philosophy? Absolutely... the best. A great friend? Better than any you could ask for Not just willing to die for you but actually did it. We can misunderstand who Jesus really is IF we make Jesus out to be a little more than a self-help guru OR a model for our behavior..Or a model for social change Then we settle for just a small part of who He really is

The False Teachings of our day...all the other world religions Have fallen short in their understanding of who Jesus really is Jesus is God and the only way to eternal life. The line in the sand has been drawn Many are standing on the wrong side

Every So-Called Christ follower who still sees Jesus as just a Spiritual Guide. Every pastor that teaches Jesus is one of many ways to be saved. Every cult that declares Jesus is less than God. Any group that says Jesus is not the Jewish Messiah...Anyone who makes Jesus less than God has failed to understand who Jesus is. Since Jesus is God...making Him anything less is blaspheming the name of God.

Making Jesus something other than God is creating a false idol Failing to worship Jesus is failing to make God first in your life Those are the first 3 commandments....broken in a row!

It is so important that we get our view of Jesus right. If the line in the sand shifts...if it doesn't represent who Jesus really is...If the line in the sand does not represent God's revelation of Himself to Man....then we are doomed...Because everything else hinges on who Jesus is. If He is anything less than Creator God then his death on the cross meant nothing to us. His ability to save us...futile. We either get Jesus right....or everything is wrong.

Paul knew that if we get Jesus right, everything else follows. Any teaching that claims Jesus is anything other than completely divine, holy, and fully God is a false teaching and a cult. This includes every other religion on earth....even the ones we haven't thought of yet.

What we think about Jesus explains why we are here today. Why are we gathered here in Jesus' name? Just to learn from his teachings? Just to remember a great man who once lived? Just to try to be more like Him? No...we are not here to just admire or remember Him

WE ARE HERE TO WORSHIP HIM! When this passage sinks in...when you stop and really pay attention to what God is saying to us through Paul....Our response is to fall on our faces...know we are unworthy to be in His presence...and worship Him. He is God...He is the image of the invisible God...the first born of all creation....As that sinks in...you find yourself surrendered in worship.

So as I have been studying this passage. As the Holy Spirit has guided me through the Content, As I begin to think about the context....Paul teaches us, in this passage, 7 undeniable truths about Jesus Christ. These are the points that never move that make up the line in the sand....They never change...

### 1) Jesus is God of Everything

**Colossians 1:15–20 (ESV) 15 He is the image of the invisible God,**

He is God in the flesh. He is the very image of God in all of God's fullness This is so critical to understand and believe without wavering....When we see Jesus.... we do not see just a Godly Person. We see God Himself

Jesus was not just sent from God He IS God in human form Jesus walked the world showing us what God is really like He made it very clear that when you saw Jesus You were looking at God the Father For they are the same

John 14:8–11 (ESV) 8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

As a Son Jesus was relationally subject to the will of the Father, but He was not any less God. Notice that Jesus says..."but the Father who dwells in me" Not the Father who sent me...Not a child of the Father...I am in the Father and the Father is in me....We are one...I am the image of the Invisible God...I AM GOD.

Jesus was not born of man. He was not conceived the way you and I were. If He had been born of man He would have been born with a sin nature. He would have been under the same curse all of us are under. He could have done nothing to save us because He would have been separated by the Father just like us...and could not have been perfect with out sin.

That is why Jesus had to be born of a virgin Not just some cool thing to make His birth more spectacular. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit. God entered the womb of a young girl...and produced the body that He would use during His mission on earth. He was completely human but also is completely God. He was God in human form. John said it this way.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

This is critical to understand If Jesus was just a human We can admire Him Imitate Him....Even Sing His praises. But we cannot worship Him. And He can do nothing to save us or Himself.

Since Jesus is God He alone can speak as God A prophet may speak for God But Jesus is God who His words are the Words of God

Jesus is the only human who ever walked on this earth who was God. He never claimed to be anything else. He is God...take it or leave it...but you can't change it. A point in the line in the sand...I AM GOD. Not only did He make the claim, He backed it up...He did what only God could do...and no one could argue that He didn't. Dead people were raised to life, Storms ceased at His Word like rambunctious children being corrected by their father...Demons called Him God and could only flee at His command...Demons knew what we still debate...Jesus is God. We don't worship Buddha, Mohammed, or Confucius...they never claimed to be God...they were just humans like the rest of us...created by Jesus...held in existence by Jesus...and to be judged by Jesus....One point that we can never change...Jesus is God.

## 2) Jesus is the Firstborn of Everything

Colossians 1:15–20 (ESV) 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Interesting that this claim is made twice in our passage...He is the first born of all creation and the first born from the dead... And yet...He has always existed....He is the Second Person of the Trinity...the Son....He is God.

We know that from other Scriptures He has always existed and will always exist. So what does it mean to be firstborn? How do I explore this truth? We will soon learn how to take a specific word in the Bible and examine its meaning in Greek or Hebrew. But for now, let me share with you what firstborn means.

Many cults try to use this verse out of context To teach that Jesus was the first human being created by God In fact, the Mormons teach that God of this universe Was once man in another universe that became God They teach that Jesus was the first person created by God And that Lucifer was the second Thus they claim Jesus and the Devil are brothers. The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that Jesus is not God But rather God's First Creation They equate Him with the Archangel Michael

But the Word that Paul uses here is Prototikos....it is most often used to denote a position of standing...not an order of birth. It means the idea of supremacy. The one upon whom the honor and position falls.

In Jewish culture...firstborn represented the one whom has the blessing. Many women were born first...but they never carried the title or honor of being the firstborn...It always meant first born son...not firstborn.

Sometimes the first born was the third or fourth child born...if he had a lot of older sisters.

So when we see Firstborn in OT and NT it represents position, power, authority, and has the idea of supremacy

Romans 8:29 (ESV) 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn (prototikos) among many brothers.

Hebrews 1:6 (ESV) 6 And again, when he brings the firstborn (prototikos) into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

That declared the most honored son to be the "firstborn"...With the most honor given to him. Most of the time the one given the honor was indeed the first son in birth order but not always

Do you remember Joseph? He was the greatest son but not the first one born Do you remember David? He was the greatest son but was also the youngest son. Israel was given the right of inheritance as a nation, but it was not the first nation and not even the greatest nation

Now it turns out that Jesus is not only God's firstborn but He is God's only Son. He is the One given the highest Honor by the Father. When Paul says that Jesus is the prototikos...the firstborn...of all creation...He is saying that Jesus is given the highest honor of all who have ever lived.

As "firstborn of the dead," Jesus is both first in time and first in preeminence. As the first to be raised from the dead, Christ is the founder and initiator of the new era God is bringing about through Jesus' victory over sin and death. Jesus' resurrection from death opens the way for all who trust in him to follow him in a resurrection like his when he returns.

So God tells us through Paul....Jesus is God...Jesus is Firstborn....and third....

### 3) Jesus is the creator of Everything

Colossians 1:15–20 (ESV) 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all said to be creators in Scripture All things were created by Him and for Him Jesus was not created. Since Jesus is God, He has always existed. Any attribute of God...is found in Jesus...any attribute of Jesus is found in the Father...The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all one.

I know this sounds like a picky point but it is critical to understand. This is a key point where many false teachers create false believers because they change the line in the sand. God the Father did not produce Jesus the Son. They have always existed along with the Holy Spirit.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit have always and will always exist....They were never created and they will never end. I can't stress enough the importance of this one truth.

The second person of the Trinity...The Son....never had a beginning and never has an end. In all the years of time...long before the Second Person of the Trinity created us....He existed.

Then in order to save human from the curse of death...For a very brief time...33 human years...the Second Person of the Trinity....choose to step into His creation. God becoming man in order to do the one thing He could not do in heaven...Take our place as the perfect substitute for the punishment of our sins...that He Himself must administer because of His holiness and righteousness.

For those very brief 33 years...The eternal second person of the Trinity....lived as a Godman...Fully God and Fully Man...and walked with and saved His creation.

The human body given to God for His mission on earth...Housed the Second Person of the Trinity...and received the human name of Jesus at God's command.

While Jesus the human was born to Mary and Joseph....He was never conceived by them. He was born spiritually, conceived by the Holy Spirit. False teachers will often interchange the name of Jesus with the Name of the Second Person of the Trinity...but that is only true for 33 years. ..The Second person of the trinity...has always existed...created everything...for 33 years walked on earth as the human Jesus...Jesus the human was left in the tomb..the Second Person of the Trinity...resurrected Jesus we call Him....has returned back to the throne in Heaven where He belongs. He will return as the God that He is to judge the world.

Since Jesus is the Creator of the Universe He alone is to be worshiped It makes no sense to worship a created thing. Paul says it this way in Romans

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever!  
Romans 1:24-25

Jesus is God...He is the Firstborn of all creation and of those of the dead....and He is creator of everything. In addition, God creates another point in the sand....

### 4) Jesus is the Owner of Everything

Colossians 1:15–20 (ESV) 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

All things were created through him and for him. That truth alone could transform your life if you fully embrace it. When you begin to realize that Jesus owns everything, you begin to realize that whatever you think you own...you are just using what belongs to Him. You have what you have for one reason...He gave it to you.

You and I have what we think we own...what we think we have accomplished...what we think we deserve....for one reason...Jesus is allowing us to keep those things for Him.

We are to use what God has let us borrow for His purposes not ours. There is nothing that we earned without Him.

Share the story of my arrogance.

We live like little kids with a death grip on our candy....[IMAGE 1](#)

Tell child halloween story and the tithe of snicker bars.

God calls this stewardship...Jesus taught about it often...what have you done with all that I have given to you. How did you use your life today? How did you spend your time today? How did you use what I have entrusted to you today...Was it for my glory and my purposes or are you using what I have given you to worship....You?

When the Son of God looks out from His throne in Heaven there is nothing that He sees that He cannot claim as "mine"

It is all His. Not selfishly His. But wonderfully His.

Not only are all things created by Him....but they were created for Him. Everything is for Him to use as He deems appropriate for His purposes.

There is nothing created that will or can not be used, as Jesus deems fit, to fulfill His purposes and will on earth.

If God is allowing something...He is using it...to fulfill His purposes and to bring Glory to Him. He can do what He wants...when He wants...without asking you or me for permission. He owes us no explanation. He decided long before He created us and allowed us to have an opinion...what was going to happen in the world...the events that would bring Him the most glory and save the people He had chosen.

If God decides that our life must end today....or a child's life must end today...or someone we love's life must end today....it must end today. Somehow that event is best....best for the things of God...for His purpose...we don't get explanations...we love and trust Him in faith based on what we know to be true about Him.

Everyone at the Alamo...knew the line...knew where they stood...and then died there.

The mission was more important than their lives....and they knew it.

He Is God...Firstborn of Creation and Death...Creator of all things....He owns all things and uses all things....and....

5) Jesus is the sustainer of everything.

Colossians 1:15–20 (ESV) 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

I spend a lot of time with scientists...reading, talking, trying to understand things....And it is truly funny...because they all run into the same problem and they don't know what to do.

I want us to play a game that I like to call "And where did that come from?" When you break anything that is created down to its essence...you run directly into God.

For instance...someone comes in with high blood sugars...Where did that come from? Well their body doesn't make enough insulin...Where does that come from...well insulin is a hormone a peptide hormone...Where did that come from? The beta cells in the Pancrease...they produce this peptide...Where does that come from? Well peptides are molecules....Where do they come from? Well they are made up of atoms that form their structure...Where do they come from...well they are created by DNA that transcribes the code to make the atom that makes the peptide that goes into the beta cell...that is in the pancreas...that makes insulin...the peptide hormone...that counteracts the sugar that we eat...

Ok so where does the DNA come from? Well it is a double helix of material bound together through bonds...attractions through opposite polar entities that are held together by a force...And where does that come from? Well...we are not sure....I AM! In HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER!

1 Corinthians 1:26–29 (ESV) 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

In Him all things hold together God holds every atom in this universe together Even subatomic forces are being held together by energy...a force What is that? Physicists may disagree But the Bible states clearly that force is God.

If they discover one day that those subparticles are made up of even smaller subparticles... It will be Jesus that holds those together too....

Jesus is God...He is Firstborn...He Created it all...He Owns it all...He Sustains it All...and...

#### 6) Jesus is preeminent over everything

Colossians 1:15–20 (ESV) 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

A church that does not believe in the Bible is not guided by Jesus the author of the Bible. A church that does not teach and preach the Bible is not being the mouth of Jesus A church that does not witness to the lost and hurting is not letting the head guide it.

It can be hard sometimes to tell if a church is decapitated. A church without Jesus as the head is like a chicken with its head cut off Lots of activity in the short run....but no life.



He started the church Jesus is the originator and operator of the church. He began it and He is building it...He told us

Matthew 16:18 (ESV) 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Note the pronoun Who builds the church? Not you...not me.. not great programming...not pretty buildings...not clever marketing Jesus builds the church through us

He uses us...but have not doubt...He is the One building

The Rest of Colossians hinges on this truth. Jesus is the head of the church. Jesus is the firstborn from the dead Jesus not only started the church but He is the first of those who will be resurrected to live forever with God. That He might be preeminent. This requires another word study....

The might in this verse does not imply doubt...But rather realization and revelation...it is better translated..."And He will fully become" or "Who He is will be realized" Jesus is preeminent but not everyone has yet come to that understanding....This verse speaks of might as a yet to be fully realized truth. Not based on who He is...but on how long it takes for man to know who He is...He is not fully preeminent until everyone acknowledges it. It will be fulfilled in the future

Philippians 2:7–19 (ESV) 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12

He Is God...He is Firstborn...He is creator...He is owner...He is sustainer....He is Preeminent...and

#### 7) Jesus is the Reconciler of Everything...

Colossians 1:15–20 (ESV) 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

What does it mean to be reconciled? To have peace where there once was conflict. To have a relationship turn from stormy to calm...To be in the presence of others and to be at total peace. Jesus reconciles us with God...He does so for us...Our peace, God says through Paul, comes through His blood "In" Him the fullness of God was pleased to dwell "Through" Him God reconciled all things back to Himself. All things....in heaven and on earth....in peace with the creator The kind of peace Adam and Eve first shared in the garden Before sin separated us from our creator. Jesus makes peace by the blood of His cross

We were once alienated and hostile in mind and deeds toward God....Some here still are...Our relationship with God is strained and we can't do anything about it....The price for what we have done is too high to be paid.

Suppose I own someone here a million dollars....I truly owe them..it is a real debt....But I can never pay it back...What is our relationship like?

Because of our sins...we have a relationship with God that is broken. We can't pay it...We don't even like to think about it...and yet Jesus came to reconcile everything...to set the relationship right...How? by the Blood of the Cross....

Who is Jesus?

The difference between being alienated from God, hostile in mind, doing evil deeds And being holy, blameless, and above reproach with God Is our understanding of and surrender to who Jesus really is as revealed in Scripture

A perfect list....God telling us who He is....Each point in the sand is unmovable...the line is not drawn by man but by God Himself...This is who I am...take it or leave it...but don't change it.

Colossians 1:15–22 (ESV) 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

Jesus... He created us in the beginning HE guides us in the present HE will resurrect us in the future

So here we are....Kind of in a Spiritual Fort...in a Spiritual Battle...our own Alamo....live or die we must decide where we stand....the line is clear and is not moving....**IMAGE 2**

False teachers are bombarding us like cannons from the Army of Mexico...incoming rounds seem to never cease. It seems at times like we are surrounded by armies of false teachers- agree with us and the bombing will cease. Surrender to our truth....submit to our way of seeing life. Yet, there it is....The line in the Sand. The truth of God laid out right in front of you. Every person has a decision to make Paul has been very clear about who Jesus is...and then He begins and You Are...So where are you? Hostile in mind doing evil deeds against God broke in relationship with Him...or securely with Him Holy and Blameless...at peace with God...fully reconciled through His blood?

So where are you this day? The line is drawn and you must know where you stand Some in this room need to step over this line

Maybe you thought it was enough to have Jesus prominent in your life and today you realized that He has to be preeminent. Maybe you want Him as a Savior ...but not as Lord...you want what He offers but not what He commands. You have flirted with the line but not really crossed it. You think that you are straddling it but you are not....Jesus requires that you are all in...Not one foot...all of you. Others are learning about the truth of Jesus for the first time Some here stand firmly with Jesus and now it is our turn to reach out to others. Jesus, in His body of flesh and by His death....

The Texans were slaughtered at the Alamo. Every one of them gave their lives for a cause greater than themselves. They never heard the battlecry based on their sacrifice and courage. Two months later....At the Battle of San Jacinto..the Texans destroyed the Army from Mexico...while yelling the Battle cry ....Remember the Alamo!

We fight a Battle today...our Battle Cry is based on those who sacrificed and showed courage in order to get the message to us...We must fight the battle..."Remember Jesus and Who He really is!" Remember Colossians 1! Let's Pray.