

Subnormal Christianity

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Colossians 1.
- B. We discover that we constantly fall short, but we must get ahold of God's standards.
- C. God wants us to see the truth concerning ourselves.
- D. There are several things that are the standard of Christianity.

II. Purposefulness.

- A. God has a will or plan for our lives. He wants us to understand his will for our lives.
- B. God wants us to be filled with the knowledge of understanding in our lives.
- C. God's purpose is that we should be set apart and holy. (Romans 12:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- D. God's will is always to save the lost. (2 Peter 3:9)

III. Faithfulness.

- A. We rejoice in the privilege of belonging to Jesus, but it is also a responsibility.
- B. Unfaithfulness is sin. (Proverbs 25:19)

IV. We are expected to be fruitful.

- A. Fruitfulness is the outworking of a work inside.
- B. The life inside a Christian is the resurrection life of Christ.

V. Christ-fulness.

VI. Powerfulness. God wants us to understand his weakness so that we might experience the power of his might.

VII. Joyfulness.

- A. Happiness depends on happenings.
- B. Joy is happiness despite happenings.

VIII. Thankfulness.

- A. We have a reason to be thankful.
- B. We were changed at conversion and set free from the power of darkness.

Application questions:

1. What should every Christian know about God's plan for him or her?

2. What does it mean to walk worthily of the Lord? Explain.

3. How can a Christian experience joy in all circumstances?
