

Pleasing Him

Colossians 1:9-12

2John 1:9-11 – “Abide in the teaching of Christ

- Early in my preaching career, I was asked to give an exegesis on this passage. The particular question – In this context is the teaching the teaching about Christ or the teaching Jesus gave to us?
 - I concluded that the teaching involved both the teaching about Christ, that he was the Son of God, and also the teaching Jesus has given to us. I included vs. 4-6 to show that the two ideas were inseparable. Because of who he is we are to follow what he has said.

2John 1:9-11

- While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" (Mat 17:5 NAU)
- It is because he is the Son of God we are to listen to Him.
- "Almost thou persuadest me."
- This verse now used to say that doctrine or teachings do not matter, only the teaching that Jesus is the Son of God.

Biblical authority

- Deut. 4:1-2; 12:28-32
- Jeroboam (1Kings 12:25-13:34)
- Uzzah
- Matt. 7:21-27
- Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:1-4

God – Jesus – Apostles

- The traditions given to us through the apostles by which we learn how to please God:
- 1Cor. 11:1-2
- Eph. 5:10, 17
- Colossians 1:9-12