



**13 March 2016**

**Greg Simnor**

**Tonight - Keeping the main thing the main thing!**

Every scripture that is mentioned tonight is interlinked and interwoven into one another to create 1 BIG PICTURE.

So easy to make the Works of Christ the main thing as opposed to Christ Himself being the main thing.

Why - because Doing is more of our natural state than Being  
- works are easy and instant but relationship takes time and asks for much

There's a great reason why the Great Commandment is in fact the Greatest Commandment. If we are loving God with ALL our heart, soul, mind and strength, we are not loving the god of self.

**1 Corinthians 1:22** For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### **3 OPTIONS**

Jews ask for signs not Christ crucified  
Greeks search for wisdom not Christ crucified.  
We preach Christ crucified

Christ crucified is for one a stumbling block and for another foolishness. The message of Christ crucified kills the position of the Jew and the Greek and that's why they consider it a stumbling block and foolishness.

I wonder if we are any different?

Everything and I mean Everything pertaining to life is discovered in Jesus Christ!

### **Colossians 2:2-8**

When we don't keep the main thing the main thing we get distracted and side swiped and eventually led astray, and other things become the main thing. Other things, good things come in and take First placed position in our hearts. This is how Idolatry starts.

**2 Corinthians 11:1-6**

**1 Corinthians 7:25-35**

2 Questions that we are to ponder in relation to the main thing being the main thing?

- 1. Who are we living for?**
- 2. Whose will are we living for?**

The answers to the questions will overwhelmingly define and shape our lives now!

#### **1. Who are we living for?**

The one true God or the god of self?

Have we settled this yet? Have we made a conscious decision and put the stake in the ground.

Can we say like Paul these words with all authenticity.

**Galatians 2:20**

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

#### **2. Whose will are we living for?**

God has His will for His church. He has clearly mapped out already His Will for us. It's our role to come into a deeply rooted conviction all position of His Will.

**John 5:30**

**John 6:38**

**Hebrews 10:35-36**

**1 Thessalonians 4:1-8**

Link between 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 & 2 Corinthians 11:1-6

The preparation of God's own people for Himself, is the Will of God!

Have a question about or thought on something in this message or series? Send your thoughts or questions into [questions@therock.org.nz](mailto:questions@therock.org.nz) we'd love to hear from you.