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MAIN THEOLOGICAL MESSAGES OF GALATIANS:

JESUS + NOTHING = EVERYTHING

GOD CREATES - SATAN COUNTERFEITS

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Human reasoning is RELATIVE

God’s Reasoning is ABSOLUTE

Isaiah 55:8-9

“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the

heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! For who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? And who has given him so much that he needs to pay it back? For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

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Because of Jesus we can KNOW God

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The Gospel is about REDEMPTION not RELIGION

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Where do you run FIRST?

Believers stop and LISTEN to HIS voice FIRST!

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Does your story cause people to PRAISE GOD?

NOTE

Talk about it

1. Why do you think people seem to be more drawn to "RELATIVE TRUTH" than "ABSOLUTE TRUTH"?
2. Pastor Jeff said "our faith is about REDEMPTION" what makes that different than RELIGION?
3. Where do you find yourself going for encouragement and instruction most often?
4. What are some things you can do to recognize God's voice more clearly in your every day life?