

Colossians Introduction

Book Theme: All-Sufficiency of Christ

Book Key Verse: Colossians 3:1 - Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Lesson Key Verse: Colossians 1:15–16

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Lesson Theme: Jesus Christ is the supreme creator of the universe and His substitutionary death is not only the all-sufficient means of salvation for every Christian but that sanctification comes through understanding of what it means to be in Christ.

I. The _____ of the Letter

A. The _____ Evidence

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II. The _____ of the Letter

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III. The _____ of the Letter

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IV. The _____ of the Letter

_____ *Outline* _____ of Christ (1-2)

_____ to Christ (3-4)

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| 1. | Greeting, Thanksgiving and Prayer | 1:1-12 |
| 2. | The Preeminence and Work of Christ | 1:13-23 |
| 3. | Paul's Ministry and Pastoral Concern | 1:24-2:7 |
| 4. | Warning Against False Teaching | 2:8-23 |
| 5. | New Life in Christ | 3:1-17 |
| 6. | Christian Living in the home and World | 3:18-4:6 |
| 7. | Final Greetings | 4:7-18 |

V. _____ the Letter

- Eternal life is impossible without a right response to the gospel, and it is necessary for every people to recognize and respond to the substitutionary death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Colossians 1:13-14 Colossians 2:13-14
- Jesus Christ is far more than a good moral man. He is the creator and sustainer of the universe and deserves to be worshipped and honored.
Colossians 1:15-17
- No man-centered teaching, good works, specific rites or ceremonies can make men right with God. It takes trust completely in the person and work of Christ.
Colossians 2:20-21
- New life in Christ affects every aspect of a believer's life, from their thinking to their actions and their relationships.
Colossians 3-4
- Meditate on this letter in the coming weeks
 - Reading Plan – bookmarks
 - Memorizing – 1.66 verses per day to finish on August 23 – the last day of our study through this bok
 - Listening – Earthen Sacred Vessels