

Continued Intro to the Colossians

A survey of Surveys

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§ Analysis NASB 1977 Reeves

1 Praying & Presenting Christ	2 Growing don't turn man-centered Religion or Philosophy	3 Highroad Living Real living	4 Final instructions & greetings
1 Greetings & Salutations	1 You are growing in Christ	1 keep seeking the things above	1 Bossman be just & fair
3 We give thanks to God - you	6 receive and walk in Christ	5 Put off the flesh-Put on new self	2 Praying for clear speaking concerning the gospel
9 have not ceased to pray for you	8 Beware of man centered thinking - rather Christ Centered	12 Put on love... Christ rule... Word dwell	5 conduct & speech making the best opportunity
13 He has delivered us	16 false religion reality Christ	18 Nuclear family - Home base	7 Sending updates with Tychicus & Onesimus
15 He is the image of the invisible God	20 Why are you living in the world?	22 Work for the Lord	10 Greetings for fellow-workers - pass letter around
21 formerly alienated... now reconciled	<p style="text-align: center;">You know you are doing this right when you can do this with in 20 to 30 minutes.</p>		18 Paul's closing
24 I was made a minister... present every man complete in Christ			

Outline of Colossians NKJV

1 Christ is God	2 Christ is the Substance	3 Put on Christ In Life	4 Christ is our Perfection
1 Paul an apostle and Timothy, our brother. To the Saints and faithful brethren in Colosse	1 For I want you - To know A great conflict That hearts be encouraged K. Mystery in whom	1 if you were raised w † Seek things above where Christ is. You died Life hidden w † - appear	1 Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, you also have a Master in heaven.
3 we give thanks since we heard faith & love Because hope gospel Learned from Epaphras	4 Now - deceive you Persuasive words For absent - Rejoice to see steadfastness f. In Christ	5 Therefore put death fornication, cleanliness, passion, evil, desire, and covertness → idolatry wrath of God → you once walked	2 Continue in Prayer Thanksgiving - Praying open door - Speak the mystery of Christ Manifest as ought
9 For this reason do not cease to pray Filled with. May walk worthy. Strengthen delivered redemption	6 As you have received - Christ So walk in Him Rooted, built up, (in faith) established As you been taught	8 But now put off anger - filth Do not lie since you put off your man Put on new Man - according to the image of him - Christ is all and all	5 Walk in wisdom toward those - outside Redeem the time Let your speech - grace - seasoned with salt That you - how you ought to answer each one.
15 He is an image of the invisible God All things created by him. All things consist. Head of the church First born	8 Beware - cheat you Philosophy - Empty deceit Tradition of men Principles of the word Not according to Christ In Him - Godhead bodily	12 Therefore elect of God Holy & Beloved Put on mercies (fruit of the Spirit) forgiving as Christ forgave you put on love Peace & word of Christ dwell Word & deed do all †	7 Tychicus will tell you news about me Onesimus will make known to you things that are happening here
19 For it pleased In Him all fullness dwell Reconcile all things Having made peace through His blood	11 In Him - circumcised - with hands → buried → raised † through faith Being dead - made alive Requirements nailed †	18 wives submit as fitting in the Lord - Husband love † bitter Children obey -pleasing † Fathers † do not provoke →discouraged	10 Aristarchus fellow prisoner greets you Mark - if - welcome him. These are my only fellow workers - comfort me
21 You were alienated By wicked works Yet now reconciled in His Presented holy Continue in faith	16 So let no one judge you Shadow of things But substance is of Christ Let no one cheat you False humility puffed up Not holding fast - Head	22Bondservants obey masters flesh Not eye service But fearing God - what ever you do as to the Lord	12 Epaphras greets & labors for you in prayers Perfect & complete Laodicea - Hierapolis Luke Demas greet you Greet the brethren
24 Rejoice in My sufferings What is Lacking in His (church Mystery) Made minister (preach, warn) Now revealed (Christ in you) present perfect	20 Therefore if died with † From basic principles † Regulations do not - according to doctrines of men? Self imposed- no value	<p>More detail takes longer</p>	16 Now when this epistle is read Read also in Laodicia Archippus take heed to the ministry received & fulfilled in the Lord
			18 this salutation by my own hand, Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

Christ Preeminent in All Things Supreme Lord - Sufficient Savior

Colossians 1

Colossians 2

Colossians 3

Colossians 4

Supremacy of Christ

Submission to Christ

Doctrinal and Corrective

Practical and Reassuring

What Christ Did For Us

What Christ Does Through Us

Christ Our Lord

Christ Our Life

Christ our Love

Christ the Head of the Body

Christ the Lord of the Universe

Christ the Head of the Home

Instruction

Warnings

Exhortations

Reminders

Reconciliation

Creation

Submission

Conversation

His Person and Word

His Peace and Presence

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	Christ Is Our Lord		... Our Life	... Our Love
	Lord of creation <hr/> Lord of the church <hr/> Lord of ministry <hr/>	Lord of our walk <hr/> Lord of our salvation <hr/> Lord of our growth <hr/>	Our mind <hr/> Our body <hr/> Our attitude <hr/> Our actions <hr/>	Love for "outsiders" <hr/> Love for believers <hr/>
	<i>CHAPTER 1</i>	<i>CHAPTER 2</i>	<i>CHAPTER 3</i>	<i>CHAPTER 4</i>
Subject	Instruction	Warnings	Exhortations	Reminders
Christ	His person and work		His peace and presence	
Emphasis	Doctrinal and corrective		Practical and reassuring	
Theme	Christ is our supreme Lord and sufficient Savior.			
Key Verses	2:9–10			
Christ in Colossians	Jesus is the supreme Lord of the church and the world, the all-sufficient Savior in whom the fullness of Deity dwells (1:13–20; 2:9).			



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COLOSSIANS

OVERVIEW BIBLE CHART

	CHRIST IS OUR LORD		CHRIST IS OUR LIFE	CHRIST IS OUR LOVE
	Colossians 1	Colossians 2	Colossians 3	Colossians 4
	Lord of creation Lord of the church Lord of ministry	Lord of our walk Lord of our salvation Lord of our growth	Our mind Our body Our attitude Our actions	Love for unbelievers Love for believers
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	1:1 OPENING BENEDICTION	1:3 We give thanks We pray	1:13 Explanation of the Person and work of Christ	2:4 Exposing of heresies 1. legalism (Judaistic) 2:11-17 2. worship of human mind 2:8 3. angel worship 2:18 4. asceticism 2:20-23	3:5 Exchanges in Christian's conduct PUT OFF / PUT ON 1. in personal life 3:5-17 2. in domestic life 3:18-4:1 3. in relation to the world 4:2-6	4:7 NOTES AND SALUTATIONS fellow bond slave 4:7 fellow prisoner 4:10 fellow worker 4:11	4:18b CLOSING BENEDICTION
	MAINLY PERSONAL		MAINLY DOCTRINAL		MAINLY PRACTICAL	MAINLY PERSONAL	
Tone	personal	doctrinal	polemical	hortatory	personal		
Theme	CHRIST YOUR INHERITANCE 1:12	CHRIST YOUR INDWELLER 1:27	CHRIST YOUR SUFFICIENCY 2:10	CHRIST YOUR MOTIVATION 3:17	CHRIST YOUR MASTER 4:7		
Topic	true doctrine		false doctrine	Christian living	Christian fellowship		

Key Verse: 3:11b
Key Words: mystery, knowledge, wisdom, fullness, perfect, all (16 times in chap. 1), faith, body, love, prayer

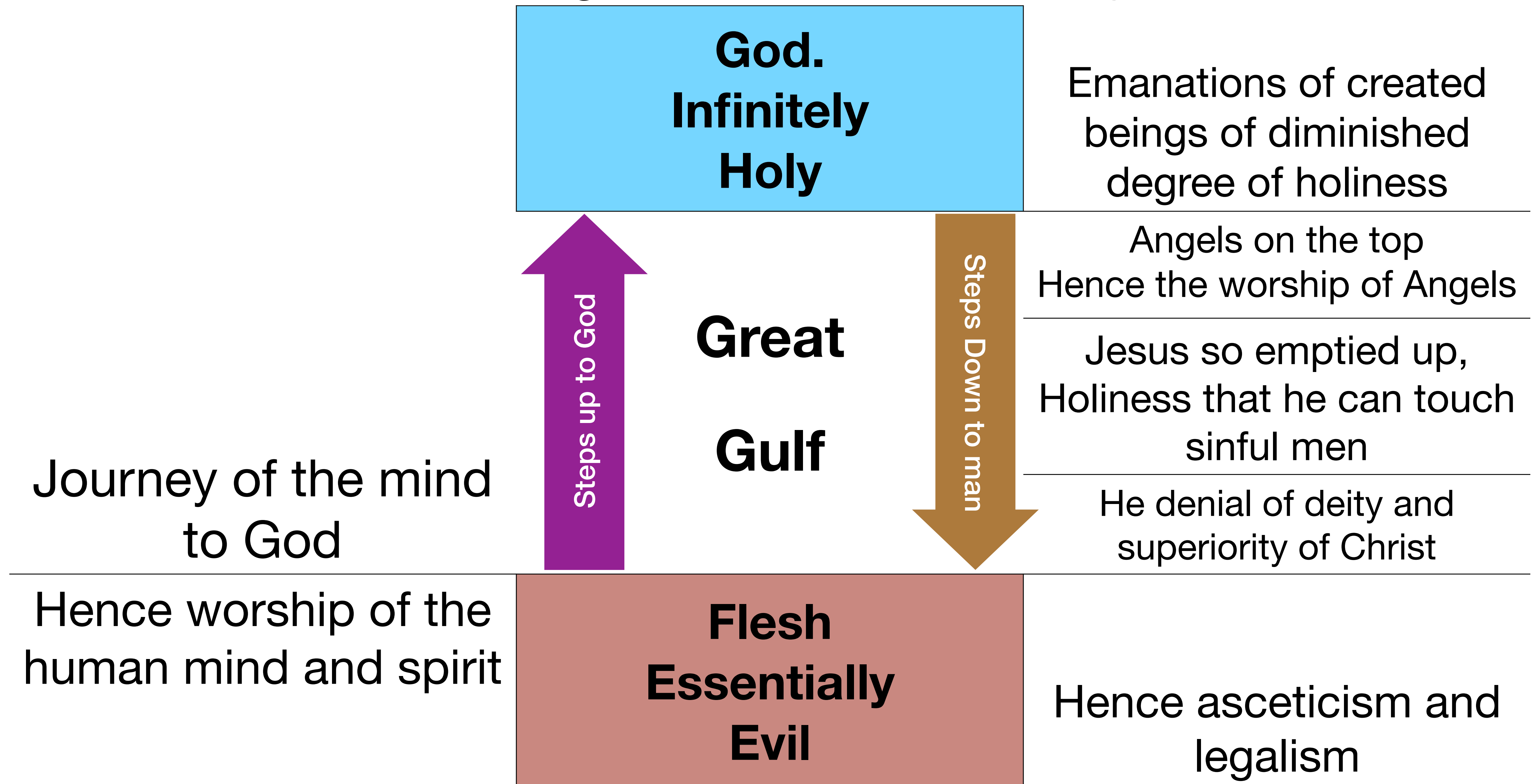
Chart A: CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF THE PAULINE EPISTLES

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MISSIONARY TOURS	FIRST IMPRISONMENT	RELEASE	FINAL IMPRISONMENT
A.D. 48-56	61-62	62-67	67
GALATIANS— between tours 1 and 2 <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> 1 THESSALONIANS } } tour 2 THESSALONIANS } 2 <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> 1 CORINTHIANS } } tour 2 CORINTHIANS } 3 ROMANS } <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>	COLOSSIANS PHILEMON EPHESIANS <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> PHILIPPIANS	1 TIMOTHY <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> TITUS	2 TIMOTHY
6 EPISTLES	4 EPISTLES	2 EPISTLES	1 EPISTLE

Teachings of the Colossian heresy



Intro: 1–8	The apostolic prayer 1:9–14	The exaltation of Christ, creator, Redeemer, and dweller one: 15–29	The Godhead incarnate in Christ, and whom the believer is complete 2:1– 23	The believer’s union with Christ in resurrection life, and glory 3:1–4	Christian living, the fruit of union with Christ 3:5–4:6	Christian Fellowship 4:7–18
<p>Writer The Apostle Paul 1:1 Date 64 AD Colossians was sent by the same messenger who bore Ephesians and Philemon, and was probably written at the same time.</p>	<p>The seven priorities of Christ, one: 15–19</p>	<p>The danger from enticing words, 2:4-7 (CF, Romans 16:17, 18; 1 Corinthians 2:4; 2 Peter 2:3)</p>	<p>Theme. Epaphras, who laboured in the Word in the assembly at Colosse, was Paul’s fellow-prisoner at Rome. Doubtless from him Paul learned the state of that church. As to fundamentals that state was excellent (1. 3-8), but in a subtle way two forms of error were at work: The first was legality in its Alexandrian form of asceticism, “touch not, taste not,” with a trace of the Judaic observance of “days”; the object of which was the mortification of the body (cf. Rom. 8. 13). The second form of error was false mysticism, “intruding into those things which he hath not seen” —the result of philosophic speculation. Because these are ever present perils, Colossians was written, not for that day only, but for the warning of the church in all days.</p>			
	<p>Reconciling work of Christ one: 20–23</p>	<p>The twofold warning against philosophy, and legality 2:8</p>				
	<p>The mystery of the indwelling, Christ, one: 24–29</p>	<p>Nothing can be added to completeness to: 9–13</p>				
	<p>Law observes were abolished in Christ, (CF Matthew 5:17) 2:14–15</p>					
	<p>Warning against Falls mysticism 2:18 ,19</p>					
<p>Warning against asceticism 2:20-23</p>						

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Intro 1:1-14	The exalted Christ, one: 15–29	The exalted Christianity 2:1– 23	Result, calling three: one – 4:6	Including personal remarks for: 7–18
Greetings 1:1, 2	Christ’s Character one: 15–23	Exalted over philosophy, two: one – 10	The certainty of our calling 3:1–4	Date 61
Gratitude for Christian faith, one: 3–8	Christ’s Commission to Paul 1:24–29	Exulted or legalism 2:11–17	The characteristics of our colon 3:5–4:6 Every day, life 3:5–17 In the home 3:18–21 Slave master relationship 3:22–4:1 In prayers for: 2–4 In witness and speech 4:5–6	Place of the writing like emphasis, Philippians, and file in Colossians, was written during Paul's first and prisonment from world see the introduction to Titus and the introduction to Philippians for other suggestions as to the place of writing.
Prayer for Christian world, one: 9–14	The church of glossy about 100 miles east of Ephesus in near lay of the sea and her Opolis 4:13, Colosi was an ancient but declining commercial center. The gospel may have been taken there during Paul's ministry at effaces act 19:10, though it was the, who played a major role in the evangelism and growth of the Colossians. Paul was personally acquainted with the believers there two: one, but us either visited in prison, or was in prison with him finally Leman 23, and it was reported on the conditions in this church.	Exulted over mystical teaching 2:18–19	The many personal references common to Colossians, and by Leman, and the many similarities of ideas in Colossians and Ephesians length these letters. This was the bear of the Ephesians 6:21; Colossians 4:7. The Colossian heresy from Paul counter phrases in the epistle we can discern some of the features of the false teaching of glossy. If the synchronous synchronistic, fusing, Jewish legalism, and Greek, philosophical speculation, in oriental mysticism. Specifies, including dietary and sabbath, observance and circumstances circumcision rights, two: one, the worship of angels 2:18 and the practice of a cynicism, which stem from the belief that the body was inherently, evil 2:21–23. In combining this heresy emphasize the cosmic significance of Christ, has Lord of creation, in head of the church. Any teaching, practice, intermediate, that distracts from the uniqueness and centrality of Christ is against the truth	
<p>Author Paul</p> <p>Contacts the theme of the supremacy in all sufficiency of Christ. Important subjects include Christ person in work 1:15–23, heresy, 2:8–23, in the believers union with Christ 3:1–4.</p>		Exulted 2:20–23		

J Vernon McGee Colossians

Doctrinal: Christ, the Fullness (plērōma) of God; in Christ We Are Made Full, Chapters 1–2

II. Practical: Christ, the Fullness of God, Poured out in Life through Believers, Chapters 3–4

- A. Introduction, Chapter 1:1–8
- B. Paul’s Prayer, Chapter 1:9–14
- C. Person of Christ, Chapter 1:15–19
- D. Objective Work of Christ for Sinners, Chapter 1:20–23
- E. Subjective Work of Christ for Saints, Chapter 1:24–29

- F. Christ, the Answer to Philosophy (For the Head), Chapter 2:1–15
- G. Christ, the Answer to Ritual (For the Heart), Chapter 2:16–23

Author, Paul, 1:1; (4:18)
 Prison epistles Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon,
 Date 62 AD
 Theme Christ is all

4 letter carriers Tychicus
 Ephesians, Epaphroditus
 Phillipians, Epaphras
 Colossians, Onesimus
 Philemon

Ephesians to the body - church of which Christ is the head
 Colossians directs our attention to the head Christ the theme

Philippians Christian living
 Christ became servant
 Philemon Christianity in action -worked out in a pagan society

Two dangers freeze into form or evaporate into false philosophy (man centered)

- A. Thoughts and Affections of Believers Are Heavenly, Chapter 3:1–4
 - B. Living of Believers Is Holy, Chapters 3:5–4:6
 - C. Fellowship of Believers Is Hearty, Chapter 4:7–18
1. They Had an exclusive spirit. They were the aristocrats in wisdom – no it alls – they had a monopoly on knowledge
 Note Paul’s warning. 1:28 Christ is perfection not man.
 2. They had spectrum tenants on creation. God did not create the universe directly, but created a creature, then created another creature until finally created the physical universe. Christ was considered a creature in this long series of creations. Known in pantheistic Greek philosophy as the demiurge. note Paul refutes 1:15-19 & 2:18
 3. another identifying Mark of this group was her ethical practice of asceticism and unrestrained licentiousness. They got the asceticism from the influence of Greek Stoicism, and the unrestrained lens from the influence of the Greek epicurism. Paul refuses in Colossians 2:16, 23 and 3:5-9.

Who wrote the book?

Before Paul wrote this letter to the Christians in Colossae, he had never been to their city ([Colossians 2:1](#)). This helps explain the personal greetings he included at the end of the letter, a practice he usually reserved for letters to churches he had not visited (for example, Romans). Paul sought to develop personal connections with the people he

hoped to teach and serve, rather than just going around from city to city asserting his apostolic authority. The more personal tone at the close of this letter would have been especially significant in creating a connection with the Colossian believers, given the fact that part of Paul's reason for writing involved calling out the heretical teachers who had infiltrated the Colossian church.

Where are we?

In AD 60–61, during his first imprisonment in Rome, Paul penned this letter to the Colossian church after he had received a report that they were struggling with a christological heresy. The report came from Epaphras, likely the leader of the church at Colossae and a convert of Paul's from his more than two-year ministry in Ephesus. Epaphras had come to Rome in part to serve Paul during

his imprisonment ([Philemon 1:23](#)) but also to confide in him regarding the dangerous teachings the Colossians were hearing. So Paul sent this letter, along with the letters to Philemon and to the Ephesians, with Tychicus, accompanied by Onesimus ([Colossians 4:7](#); [Philemon 1:10–12](#)). Tychicus was a coworker of Paul who would have been able to help the Colossian believers understand and apply the apostle's teachings in the letter.

Why is Colossians so important?

The church at Colossae was under attack from false teachers who were denigrating the deity of Jesus; they were teaching that He was not actually God. Though Paul had never been to the church itself, he addressed these issues head-on. The nature of Jesus

Christ as Creator and Redeemer was nonnegotiable, so Paul wrote to them that he might bring his wisdom to bear on this difficult and trying situation. It was critical to him that this church know God in His greatness and glory, rather than in the deficient view given them by the false teachers ([Colossians 1:25](#); [2:1–2](#)).

What's the big idea?

In this book, the apostle Paul described Jesus with some of the loftiest language in all the New Testament, focusing on Christ's preeminence and sufficiency in all things. Paul presented Christ as the center of the universe, not only as the active Creator but also as the recipient of creation—in His taking on of human flesh. Christ was and is the visible image of the invisible God, containing within Himself the fullness of Deity ([Colossians 2:9](#)).

Because of His divine nature, Jesus is sovereign, above all things with an authority given Him by the Father. As such, Jesus is also Head over the church. He has reconciled all things to Himself through His death on the cross, making believers alive to God and setting them on the path to right living. This proper view of Christ served as the antidote for the Colossian heresy as well as a building block for Christian life and doctrine both then and now.

How do I apply this?

Your view of Jesus Christ will impact every area of your life. Many today want only practical instruction and helps for living, eschewing “esoteric” topics such as doctrine and theology because they seem to be out of touch with their day-to-day reality. Paul’s view was different. He saw that the christological problems in the Colossian church had practical importance as well. Believers have died with Christ; therefore, we need to die to our sins. We have also been

raised with Christ; therefore, we must live well in Him and put on qualities that are motivated by Christian love. And because He is Lord over all, the life of the Christian is a life of submission to Jesus. Are you following after Jesus as you should? Our faith in Jesus Christ should transform the relationships we have in every area of our lives—in our homes, our churches, and our world.

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Brethren at Colosse

What is suggested by

- Apostle of J.C.
- Apostle by will of God

- Our brother
- Saints
- Faithful Brethren
- In Christ

what was significant about the Colossae location and cultural background?

We give thanks (Personal)

How many sentences are in this paragraph? Did you know the original autographs did not contain any punctuation.

(For fun - do we have any of the original autographs?)

For what did Paul give thanks?

What do verses 4 and 8 suggest to the extent a pulse acquaintance with the Colossians?

What did Paul mean by “in all the world” 1:6?

How did Paul connect the lives of the clash and believers with the global church and the universal story of God?

Why were Timothy and Epaphras important in Paul's ministry?

1 **Paul**, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2 To the saints and **faithful** brethren **in Christ** who are in Colosse:

Grace to you and peace from **God our Father** and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

3 We **give thanks** to the **God and Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, **praying** always **for** you, 4 since **we heard** of your **FAITH in Christ Jesus** and of your **LOVE** for all the saints; 5 **because** of the **HOPE** which is laid up **for** you in heaven, of which you heard before in the **word of the truth of the gospel**, 6 which has come to you, **as** it has also in all the world, **and** is **bringing forth fruit**, as it is also among you since the day **you heard** and knew the **grace** of God in truth; 7 **as** you also **learned** from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a **faithful** minister of **Christ** on your behalf, 8 who **also** declared to us your **love in the Spirit**.

Who wrote the letter with Paul?

What words did Paul use to give a warm and encouraging greeting to the glass church?

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Also in the gen. Masc. sing -1550 Gk. Text

Εὐχαριστοῦμεν (We give thanks) verb pres. act. Ind, 1st per.pl. main noun & verb Main object You

Gen. masc. sing

Praying

Eph. 1-1-10✓

Since

For the hope

Which

As you also learned

From Epaphras

Who claimed the gospel to the people in Colossai Colossians 1:7?

How did the gospel change your lives: 4-5?

In Colossians one: eight what is the source for Christian love for others? Why is this significant for all Christians?

