

The Book of Colossians

Key Verses:

Colossians 2:9-10

9 For in **him** dwelleth all the **fulness** of the **Godhead** **bodily**.

10 And ye are **complete** in him, **which is the head** of all principality and power:

Introduction to Colossians:

Written by: The apostle Paul

Date Written: **61-63** A.D. from Rome.

Reason Written: To guard against the dangers of adding anything to the Gospel but Christ.

1. Warn the Colossians about being “moved away from the hope of the Gospel”(1:21-23)
2. Warn them against the "solution" being urged upon them by those denying the all-sufficiency of Christ (2:8-23)
3. Direct their attention to the "Beloved Son", the "All-Sufficient and Pre-Eminent Savior" (1:13-18; 2:8-10)

Theme of the Epistle: Jesus Christ is the **Answer!**

Number of Chapters: **4**

Number of Verses: **95**

Outline:

I. Christ Is The **Head** Of the Church (Colossians 1)

A. Paul's Salutation (Colossians 1:1-9)

1. We've heard of your **faith** (Colossians 1:4-5)
2. We've heard of the **fruit** (Colossians 1:6-9)
 - a) **Grace** of God (Colossians 1:6b-7)
 - b) Love in the **Spirit** (Colossians 1:8-9)

B. Walk **worthy** (Colossians 1:10-22)

1. By Being **Fruitful** (Colossians 1:10a)
2. By Increasing in **Knowledge** (Colossians 1:10b-11)
3. By Giving **Thanks** to God (Colossians 1:12-19)
 - a) Because we have **redemption** (Colossians 1:13-14a)
 - b) **Forgiveness** of sin (Colossians 1:14b)
 - c) He is **God** (Colossians 1:15)
 - d) He is the **Creator** (Colossians 1:16)
 - e) He holds it **all together** (Colossians 1:17)
 - f) He in **Charge** (Colossians 1:18-19)
4. By Having Made **peace** (Colossians 1:20-22)

C. Continue in the **faith** (Colossians 1:23-29)

1. Faith will make **Stability** worthwhile (Colossians 1:23b)
2. Faith will make **Suffering** worthwhile (Colossians 1:24)
3. Faith will make **Service** worthwhile (Colossians 1:25-29)

II. Christ Is Worth **Following** (Colossians 2)

A. He's Fighting for the **Heart** (Colossians 2:1-2)

1. Trust **His** Word not others (Colossians 2:1)
2. Trust in His Word will yield **unity** (Colossians 2:2)

B. He's Fighting for the **Mind** - wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3-7)

1. Trust His **Words** (Colossians 2:3-4)
2. Trust His Wisdom - makes one **stable** (Colossians 2:5-7)

C. He's Fighting for the **culture** (Colossians 2:8-13)

1. Trust His **Philosophy** (Colossians 2:8)
2. Trust His **Position** (Colossians 2:9-10)
3. Trust His **Plan** – die to sin (Colossians 2:11-13)

D. He's Fighting for the **Law** – Legality (Colossians 2:14-17)

1. Trust His **Cleansing** Power (Colossians 2:14)
2. Trust His **Conquest** – Victory (Colossians 2:15-17)

E. He's Fighting on the **Spiritual** realm (Colossians 2:18-19)

1. Trust Him **Perfectly** (Colossians 2:18)
2. Trust His **Person** (Colossians 2:19)

F. He's fighting against the **world culture** (Colossians 2:20-23)

1. Trust His **Madness** (Colossians 2:20-21)
2. Trust His **Methods** (Colossians 2:22-23)

III. Christ Will Carry Us To New **Heights** - (Colossians 3)

A. **Continue** Looking Up (Colossians 3:1-4)

1. **Seek** Him (Colossians 3:1a)
2. **Set** your affection on Him (Colossians 3:2-3)
3. **Satisfy** yourself with Him (Colossians 3:4)

B. **Crucify** the Old Man (Colossians 3:5-9)

1. **Evil Record** of The Old Man (Colossians 3:5b)
2. **Evil Results** of the Old Man (Colossians 3:6-7)
3. **Evil Role** of the Old Man (Colossians 3:8-9)

C. **Cultivate** the New Man (Colossians 3:10-15)

1. **Qualifications** for this New Man (Colossians 3:11)
2. **Qualities** of the New Man (Colossians 3:12-14)
3. **Quantum** results of Putting on the New Man (Colossians 3:15)

D. **Continue** putting God's Word in You (Colossians 3:16-25)

1. God's Word will Make Wives **Submit** (Colossians 3:18)
2. God's Word will Make Husbands **Love** (Colossians 3:19)
3. God's Word will Make Children **Obey** (Colossians 3:20)
4. God's Word will Make Fathers **Not Provoke** (Colossians 3:21)
5. God's Word will Make Servants **Obey** (Colossians 3:22)
6. God's Word will Make you **Work** for God not Man (Colossians 3:23-25)

IV. Christ's Wisdom Is The Key (Colossians 4)

A. Christ exposes a **Master's Responsibility** (Colossians 4:1-6)

1. Masters **Give** (Colossians 4:1)
2. Masters Continue to **watch and pray** (Colossians 4:2-6)
- B. Christ exposes a **Servant's** Responsibility (Colossians 4:7-12)
 1. Beloved = worthy of **love** (Colossians 4:7a)
 2. Faithful = one that can be **relied on** (Colossians 4:7b)
 3. Fellowservant = one who serves the **same master** (Colossians 4:7c-8)
 - a. One of you (**Gentile**) (Colossians 4:9)
 - b. One of me (**prisoner**) (Colossians 4:10)
 - c. One of Us (**Israelite**) (Colossians 4:11)
 - d. One of you & of **Christ's** Servant (A Gentile that served Jesus! **Anyone** can serve Him) (Colossians 4:12)
- C. Christ exposes **Everyone's** Responsibility (Colossians 4:13-18)
 1. A **Doctor** (Colossians 4:14a)
 2. A **Politician** (Colossians 4:14b)
 3. A **Layman** (Regular Church member) (Colossians 4:16-18)

*The Gospel's for everyone