

Colosse



Jesus Is God-
Over All The Church

Colossians 1

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1-8 - Church based upon "the word of the truth of the Gospel"

9-20 - Jesus Christ Created:

The Creation & The Church

21-29 - God's mystery revealed:

Gentiles have hope in Christ

**1:1-8 - The Church based upon
“the word of the truth of
the Gospel”**

**Commended for “faith,” “love,”
“hope” 1 Corinthians 13:13**

**Heard “the word of the truth of
the gospel” and it “is
bringing forth fruit”**

**Learned from Epaphras, “a
faithful minister of Christ
on your behalf”**

1:9-20 - Jesus Christ Created:

The Creation & Church

John 1:1-4, 14: "In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with **God**, and the **Word** was **God**. **2** He was in the beginning with **God**. **3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.** **4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men...**14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of **the only begotten of the Father**, full of grace and truth."

“The Image of God”

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in **Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ **So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**” **Genesis**

1:26-27

“Male and Female” are physical!

From the Creation, Humans were made:

“Male and Female” (**Genesis 1:26-27**),

Adam (**Genesis 5:1**), Seth (**Genesis 5:3**);

After the Flood, Murder forbidden because:

All people (**Genesis 9:6**);

When He came into the world,

Jesus Christ: “He is the **image** of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation” (**Colossians 1:15**).

Matthew 28:19 = “Godhead”

“image” = 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Jesus is the "Firstborn"

"Over all creation" Colossians 1:15

Not Created! Colossians 1:16-17

Of Mary's sons Luke 2:7

"From the dead" Colossians 1:18

**"that in all things
He may have
the preeminence"**

As Creator Colossians 1:15-17

1. Word Created "God said"

Genesis 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26,29

**2. Breath of life made earthly body a
"living soul" Genesis 2:7**

**3. Man commanded by God to obey
Genesis 2:16-17**

**4. Marriage ordained for happiness
Genesis 2:18-25**

As Church Head Colossians 1:9-20

1. Created the Church 1:9-14

2. Word is "life" John 6:63, 68

3. Command John 15:12

4. Marriage for happiness Mark 10:1-12

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" 2

Corinthians 5:17

1:21-29 - God's mystery revealed:

Gentiles have hope in Christ

1. Through Jesus' Cross 1:21-23

2. Suffered For The Church 1:24

3. For All People In The Church 1:25-27

4. Available To "Every Man"

1:28-29

1 Corinthians 15:45-48:

“And so **it is written**, ‘The **first man Adam** became a living being.’ **The last Adam** became a life-giving spirit. **46** However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. **47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust,** so also are those who are made of dust; and **as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.**”

Jesus Is God- Over Religion

Colossians 2

Religion="fear of deity" Acts 26:19

= "forms of worship" Acts 26:5

Colossians 2: Right Religion Or Rites?

1. Religion of Christ

A Walk 2:1-7

A Reformation 2:9-12

2. Against Religions of Men

An Empty Deceit 2:8

An Empty Law 2:13-17

And Empty Doctrines 2:18-23

1. Religion of Christ

A Walk 2:1-7

Apostle's Concern v.1

Together in Love v.2

Full assurance of Understanding v.2

No hidden truths or mystical mazes v.2-5

Established in the faith v.6-7

A Reformation "In Him" 2:9-12

Godhead's completeness v.9-10

Circumcised from sin v.11

Buried and Raised with Him v.12

2. Against Religions of Men

An Empty Deceit 2:8

Persuasive words 2:4

Philosophy & deceit 2:8

Tradition of man 2:8

Not according to Christ!

An Empty Law 2:13-17

Made alive to forgiveness 2:13

Not by Moses' Law 2:14-17

And Empty Doctrines 2:18-23

Worldly humility, not Christ's 2:18-19

Worldly rules 2:20-23

Psalm 95:6:

“Oh come, let us **worship** and **bow down**;
Let us **kneel** before the LORD our Maker”

Acts 2:38:

“Then Peter said to them, ‘**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins**; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

Colossians 3:1-4:

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

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3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

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3. Our Affections Can Be Misplaced!

A. The love of self **2 Timothy 3:2: Romans 12:3**

B. The love of pre-eminence **3 John 9**

C. The love of praise **John 12:42, 43**

D. The love of pleasure **2 Timothy 3:4;**

Luke 15:11-32



3. Our Affections Can Be Misplaced!

A. The love of money **1 Timothy 6:10;**

Acts 5:1-11

B. The love of darkness **John 3:19, 20**

C. The love of the world

1 John 2:15-17

D. The love of the wages of sin

2 Peter 2:15; Romans 6:23



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Colossians 4

COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4

- 1. We should show “those outside” that the Master matters above all **4:1-6****
- 2. Christians who are making a difference **4:7-17****
- 3. Churches needing encouragement:**
 - Colosse **4:7-13, 17****
 - Laodicea **4:13, 15-16****
 - Hierapolis **4:13****
 - Nymphas’ house **4:15****
- 4. Paul personally wrote this **4:18****

- 1. Paul frequently ended his letters with personal connections with various individuals and churches of Christ.**
- 2. The **Book of Colossians** is no exception.**
- 3. The Church was started in Colosse by **Epaphras 1:7;4:12-13****
- 4. There is a contrast between Paul's references to 2 of these Christians: **Epaphras and Demas****

1. The Devoted Man – Epaphras 1:7; 4:12-13

Servant of Christ

Constantly Laboring In Prayer

Zealous for 3 churches

Colosse, Laodicea, Hierapolis

As of the writing of the

Book of Colossians, **Epaphras** was a
“fellow prisoner” with Paul **Philemon 23**

2. The Deserter – Demas

- A. When the **Book of Colossians** was written, **Demas** was with Paul and **Epaphras**, and listed with “Mark, Aristarchus, Luke” as “my fellow laborers” **Philemon 23-24**
- B. “**Demas**” **Colossians 4:14** with no commendation
- C. “Be diligent to come to me quickly; for **Demas** has forsaken me, **having loved this present world**, and has departed for Thessalonica” **2 Timothy 4:9-10**

What Happened To Demas?

How Could He Leave The Faith After Working
With The Apostle Paul?

Jesus Christ Said: "Now he who received
seed among the thorns is he who hears
the word, and the cares of this world and
the deceitfulness of riches choke the word,
and he becomes unfruitful" **Matthew 13:22**

Would Paul Commend Us?

1. Have we grown **“weary while well doing?”** **Galatians 6:9**

2. Did we not **“count the cost”** and prepare to **“forsake all”** that we have?
Luke 14:25-33

3. Do we only have **“a form of godliness but denying its power?”** **2 Timothy 3:5**

4. Have we become **“double-minded, unstable in all his ways?”** **James 1:8**

God will save “only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life”

Revelation 21:27

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:16

Is Your Name Written There?

God will save
written in the
Revelation 2

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