

Colossians

Review

We have looked deeply into the Letter to the Colossians in this study, taking it verse by verse and phrase by phrase. It is so full of both spiritual truth and practical application that it is good to look back over this study and the letter to review these transforming truths, and to bring all those parts together to remember it is one letter written by Paul to the Colossians. Take time to think about the ways that the Holy Spirit has worked the truths of this epistle into your everyday life over the last nine weeks of study.

Begin your study with prayer, thanking the Lord for His Word and asking for understanding of it and wisdom in applying it to your life.

Memory Verse – This week’s memory verse:

*“...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”
2 Peter 3:18 NKJV*

Read Colossians Chapter 1.

As you read through the chapter, notice Paul’s prayer, and his statements of who Christ is and what He has done for us. And we can’t leave this chapter without a greater appreciation for the revealing of the mystery for the Gentiles.

1. What hope did Paul write about in Colossians 1:5-6?

2. Verse 7 tells us that Epaphras brought the gospel to the Colossians. Do you remember who brought the gospel to you? Write a prayer of thanks for them and, if they are still living, write a prayer for them, below.

3. Colossians 1:9-12 is the prayer of Paul for the Colossians. This is a wonderful guideline to pray for anyone! Complete the phrases below from this section.

a. verse 9: ...*that you may be filled with* _____

b. verse 10: ...*that you may walk* _____

c. verse 12: ...*giving thanks* _____

4. Read Colossians 1:13-14. What does it say that Christ has done for you?

5. Verses 15-18 clearly portray who Jesus is and His pre-eminence in *all things*. Notice how many times you see the word “*all*” in these verses.

a. Write a few important truths about who Jesus is from these verses.

b. Make notes below of all that Christ is *before* or *over*?

c. Why are these truths so important to know when false teachers come?

6. In Colossians 1:21-23 we find reminders of who we were, who we are and a warning.

a. Without Jesus, who were you?

b. How does God see you now?

c. How was this accomplished?

d. What warning does Paul give in verse 23?

7. Paul declares his ministry and the mystery revealed in Colossians 1:24-27. What is this mystery?

8. What does, “*Christ in you, the hope of glory*” mean to you?

Read Colossians Chapter 2.

In Chapter 2 we find the call to *walk in Him*, as Paul goes on to remind us of all we have *in Him*.

1. What did Paul say he wanted for the Colossians in Colossians 2:1-2?

2. The Gnostics claimed to have more knowledge, or hidden knowledge. Write out the truth of verse 3 that so clearly refutes this claim.

3. In Colossians 2:6 we are told, “*As you have received Christ Jesus...*” Complete the statement below.

...so _____.

4. To fully understand what it means to *walk in Him*, write what it says about *in Him* from the following verses.

a. Verse 7

b. Verse 9

c. Verse 10

d. Verse 11

e. Verse 12 (*with Him*)

5. Colossians 2:13-15 describes such an amazing thing Christ did for us! Read it slowly and consider each part of it. What does this mean to you and for you?

Read Colossians Chapter 3.

As you read this chapter, look for the heart attitude we are called to walk in and how these attitudes effect our relationships.

1. Consider Colossians 3:1-2.

a. Where should our thoughts be focused?

b. How will this affect our walk?

2. In Colossians 3:5-9 we are given specific lists of things to “*put off*”.

a. As you read through these lists, how could you describe them in just a few words?

b. How do verses 3-4 explain why we are to *put off* these things?

3. Next Paul gives specifics on what we are to “*put on*” in Colossians 3:10-14. In just a few words, describe what it is you are to “*put on*”.

4. We are told of the *old man* and the *new man* in verses 9 and 10. What is your understanding of the difference between these?

5. Colossians 3:15-17 gives us a wonderful overview of how we are to walk *in Christ*.

a. What does verse 15 say about peace?

b. From verse 16 what are we to do with God’s Word?

c. As a guideline for each step of our walk, write verse 17 below.

6. As we look at the relationships in Colossians 3:18-25 and 4:1, we can see how the heart attitudes of the *new man* should translate into our relationships in every area of life.

a. Which instructions from this section ministered most to you?

b. What can you see in this chapter to apply to your relationships?

Read Colossians Chapter 4.

We find here instructions for how to pray and for how to walk toward those outside. As you read this chapter, look for the *how's* in the instructions.

1. Colossians 4:2-4 speaks of the *how's* in prayer.

a. How are we to pray?

b. How did Paul ask them to pray for him?

c. How can this also apply to us? To those around us?

2. What do you find in Colossians 4:5-6, in reference to those outside, about...

a. ...how to walk

b. ...how to speak

3. Colossians 4:7-17 includes a list of names, people Paul knew and served with in some way. What do each of the words Paul used to describe these men mean to you?

a. beloved

b. fellow worker

c. faithful

4. As you read through verses 7-17, make notes below of the characteristics or descriptions you would like to have in your own life.

5. What is the lesson of Demas? (Colossians 4:14, 2 Timothy 4:11)

6. Read Paul's final words in this letter, Colossians 4:18. What stands out to you in these words?

In closing...

1. What truth do you want to take away from this study?

2. In what area has the study of Colossians helped you to grow?

3. The main theme of Colossians could be simplified to Colossians 3:11, "...*Christ is all in all.*" What does this mean to you?

Memory Verse

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