



COLOSSIANS

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One week during this quarter, students will attend the adult class during the gospel meeting.



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1. How was Paul an apostle “by the will of God” (v.1)?
2. How does verse 2 refute the religious concept that faithful individuals become saints after they die?
3. For what two things were Paul and Timothy thankful about the Colossians? (v.3-4)
4. What does Paul affirm the gospel message is about? (v. 5-6)
5. Who seems to have been the preacher in Colossae, and what message did he bring to Paul? (v.7-8)
6. What did Paul pray about for the Colossians? (v.9-10)
7. Describe “walking in a manner worthy of the Lord”. (v.10-12)
8. How has God “qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light”? (v.12)

1. How are we “rescued” and “transferred”? (v.13-14)
2. Give the Greek definition for “redemption” (1:14).
(definitions can be located at www.blueletterbible.org)
3. How does Paul describe Christ? (v.15) Please explain.
4. Of what importance is Jesus in relation to the creation?
(v.16-17)
5. Explain the following descriptions of Jesus:
 - A. “Head of the body” (v.18)
 - B. “The beginning” (v.18)
 - C. “The firstborn from the dead” (v.18)
 - D. “All the fullness to dwell in Him” (v.19)
6. Give the Greek definition for “reconcile” (v.20).
7. Upon what conditions does Christ’s work of reconciliation come to us? (v.20-23)

1. Please explain Paul's meaning about his sufferings and how they relate to Christ. (v.24)
2. Explain the imagery of the church being the body of Christ. (v.24)
3. What word does Paul use to describe his apostleship from God in verse 25? Give the Greek definition for this word. (definitions can be located at www.blueletterbible.org)
4. What is the "mystery hidden from past generations" now "manifested to the saints"? (v.26-27)
5. What was Paul "proclaiming" about Jesus? (v.28)
6. Give the Greek definition for "admonishing." (v.28) (definitions can be located at www.blueletterbible.org)
7. What is the goal of preaching? (v.28)
8. What power worked mightily within Paul? (v.29)

1. Attempt to read the entire book of Colossians in one sitting. It's only four chapters.
2. Read back through your workbook questions looking at the answers you have filled in.
3. To help prepare for the class review, generate a list of topics covered in the book of Colossians - you may choose to think of this as creating a one page outline of the book.
4. Have a brief discussion with a parent or parents where you tell them in your own words what the book of Colossians is about. It will be helpful for you to write it down in the space below.

1. Relate what we can know from this chapter of these godly men who worked with Paul:
 - A. Tychicus (v.7)
 - B. Onesimus (v.9)
 - C. Aristarchus (v.10)
 - D. Jesus called Justus (v.11)
 - E. Epaphras (v.12)
 - F. Luke and Demas (v.14)
 - G. Nympha (v.15)
 - H. Archippus (v.17)
2. What did Paul intend happen with this letter? (v.16)
3. Why did Paul close so many of his letters with a statement like the one found in verse 18: "I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand"?

1. Why was Paul writing the Colossians (v.1 - 2)?
2. What imagery comes to your mind when Paul says we are to be "knit together in love" (v.2)?
3. What is the "wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding"? (v.2-3)
4. What does Paul mean by "no one may delude you with persuasive argument"? (v.4)
5. Describe the differences in "good discipline" and "stability of your faith" (v.5). With what was Paul rejoicing about in the congregation?
6. Verses 6-7 are a small sermon. Please outline the major points and perhaps embellish the outline. Be prepared to discuss these two verses. You are encouraged to investigate the word definitions in the Greek.

1. How are believers taken captive today? (v.8)
2. "Rather than according to Christ" (v.8). What does this verse reveal about what our knowledge should be about?
3. Verses 9-10 sound a lot like 1:19-20.
 - A. Discuss how the "fulness of Deity dwells" in Christ. (v.9)
 - B. How have we been "made complete" (2:10)?
 - C. Describe the "circumcision of Christ" (2:11-12).
4. In context, when does verse 13 indicate we are made alive and are forgiven?
5. From verse 14, what did Christ cancel and nail to the cross? Explain the language used.
6. Verse 15 doesn't seem to fit the surrounding context. Please give an explanation of what is being taught and how it fits the overall context.

1. In a continuation of the thoughts in the previous chapter regarding the attitude of the slave, Paul now turns to the attitude of the Master. What applications can be made to our modern work environment? (v.1)
2. Give the Greek definition for "Devote." (v.2)
3. Give the Greek definition for "alert." (v.2)
4. How do these definitions impact our understanding of prayer?
5. For whom should we be praying? (v.3-4) Why?
6. Who are "outsiders" (v.5)?
7. Talking with others about the gospel is not easy for most of us. What 4 points of instruction are given in verses 5-6?

1. In order for the family to operate as God designed, what important traits are taught about each of the following:
 - A. Wives (v.18):
 - > How is this “fitting in the Lord”?
 - B. Husbands (v.19):
 - > What causes a husband to be embittered against his wife?
 - C. Children (v.20):
 - > What does God think about children disobeying their parents?
 - D. Fathers (v.21):
 - > Give the Greek definition for “exasperate.”
(definitions can be located at www.blueletterbible.org)
 - > How would this treatment from a father cause a child to lose heart? Lose heart in what?
2. We no longer have slaves in our Country. Apply verses 22-24 to our employee/employer relationships. What kind of employee should we be, and why?
3. Discuss verse 25 in relation to the judgment of God compared with the justice systems of men.

1. What Old Testament things are referenced in verse 16?
2. Why should no one act as our judge about these things? (v.17)
3. Prepare a list from verse 18 of the errors of those who would defraud us. For each item in your list, give a modern example.
4. How does the spiritual body of Christ grow? (v.19)
5. How does verse 19 disagree with the concept of denominationalism?
6. How do the decrees of the false teachers relate to the Old Law of Moses (v.21)? How are these the teachings of men (v.22)? Does this still happen today?
7. What things in religion have the “appearance of wisdom” but are not in fact from God?

1. How do we “keep seeking that things above”? (v.1) What is Paul saying we should do?
2. What things should we “set our mind on”? (v.2) Give two or three specifics.
3. Why should we set our mind on things above and not on the things that are on the earth? (v.2-3)
4. How is Christ our life? (v.4)
5. Explain how we are to consider our body “dead” to some things (v.5), and “put them all aside” (v.8).
6. Who are the “sons of disobedience”? (v.6)
7. Please give two examples of the sins listed in verses 5-9 that are sometimes evident in the church. Relate how these specific sins lead to congregational problems.
8. Describe the “new self”. (v.10-11)

1. Verses 12-15 speak of the kind of heart we are to put on. What do you see as important about each of these phrases?
 - A. “Heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” (v.12)
 - B. “Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other... just as the Lord forgave you...” (v.13)
 - C. “Beyond all these things, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity” (v.14)
 - D. “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful” (v.15)
2. Explain how we let the word of Christ richly dwell within us. (v.16).
3. Give the Greek definitions from verse 16.
(definitions can be located at www.blueletterbible.org)
 - A. Psalms
 - B. Hymns
 - C. Spiritual Songs
4. Why do we sing and not use instruments of music? (v.16)
5. What is meant by “in the name of” Jesus? Be prepared to give at least two examples of how we obey this.