



# Colossians

THE SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST



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# Welcome!

I am so excited you're here!

I am so excited for you to join me in studying Colossians this fall! We will spend the next month going through the entire book verse by verse. I can't wait to do a deep dive with you over the next four weeks.



## What to expect.

We will be going through this study together. We will (roughly) cover one chapter each week. We will have daily reading and questions. You will have access to my YouTube teaching videos and a private group thread where you can ask your questions!

I am using the ESV Translation, but you can use whatever translation you have on hand. I will also have the text in your notebook so you can have plenty of room to mark and take notes.

Each day you will have assigned reading and studying. Some questions will be “easy” to spot and others will take a little more digging. THIS IS OKAY. We learn best when we sit in the dissonance that comes when we don't know something. Along with specific questions, there will also be opportunities for you to go deeper and take notes on things I don't bring up. I want this study to not only show you the “what” but the “how.” **You will be learning HOW to do this on your own as we study together!** I am SO EXCITED.



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*Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ. For the entire fullness of God dwells bodily in Christ, Colossians 2:8-9*



# BEFORE WE DIVE IN...

Here are some references where I share basic information on how we study the Bible and the “why” behind it. You can reference these later when you’re studying other books of the Bible!

## *Resources*

# Things to Remember

Reading and studying God's Word doesn't have to be scary or intimidating - *you just have to know what to look for.*

This study will show you different tools you can use as we study Colossians to study all the other books of the Bible, too!

There isn't a secret formula. There won't always be a "right" answer. **Remember, the goal of reading God's Word is to know Him more!**

Before you read or study, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate Scripture as you're reading it so you can apply it to your life and be conformed into the image of His Son.

So as you read through the following pages, remember this is a marathon, not a sprint. His Word does not return void.

So dig in, and feast on His Word!

I can't wait to go deeper into God's Word with you.

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# 3 Stages of Study

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There are three stages of Bible reading that we need to review. All three are necessary and even the order we use them. A lot of times we want to skip the first one for the second or last. But let's review them together before we start.

**Comprehension:** This is the first thing we are to do with all literature, but also with the Bible. When reading, we must first ask the question, "What does this text say?" This is simply summarizing or stating basic facts about what we read.

When you "summarize" each section of Colossians, this is comprehension.

**What does the text say?** That's what you're answering. Before we can interpret or apply, we need to simply understand what is being said.

Don't overthink this step. If it feels clunky, that's okay, keep going. This will get easier.

**Interpretation:** After we read and understand what the text says, then we can ask, "**What does it mean?**" Notice I didn't say, "*What does it mean to me?*"

*Here's why that minor difference matters.* The original author (indwelt with the Holy Spirit) had an original meaning when he wrote, in this case the letter to the church at Colossae. But with every author within the pages of Scripture, this is true as well.

\*In short, we do NOT assign meaning to the text, we merely study to find out the meaning that has already been given.\*

**Application:** Only once you've done the first two steps, you get to the true application of the text by asking, "**How does this change me?**" This tends to be the step we jump to, when in reality, it should come AFTER we have done due diligence in studying Scripture in its original context.

Note: You may not always be able to answer the application questions every single time you read. Sometimes application comes from days of studying.



3 Questions to ask every single time we read God's Word.

Looking for

*God*

As we read, we're going to look for God throughout the pages of Colossians. Look for attributes, actions, and everything that is true about Him. This can be God the Father, God the Son, or God the Holy Spirit. These can be things He loves or hates as well! This is the first thing we will look for! Answer the question, what does this reveal about God?

What is true of

*me?*

After we see what Scripture says about God, let's see what it has to say about mankind (AKA us)? We must see ourselves rightly and we do that through Scripture. Answer the question, what does this reveal about me?

What do I do in

*response?*

We don't want to have just head knowledge of what Scripture says. We want it to transform us. We do that by responding. (Again, pray and ask the Holy Spirit.) This could be repentance, thanksgiving or anything else that stirs you after reading. How do I respond to what I read?

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Do you see any *Themes?*

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While the Bible contains dozens of themes, three are repeated from Genesis to Revelation.

1. **God's faithfulness**
2. **Human rebellion**
3. **God's rescue plan**

While these can be similar to the previous sections, they are slightly different. You're not just looking to see what God is *like*, you are specifically looking for how He is *faithful*.

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Take a look at *Grammar*

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As you will see when we are going through Colossians, we will look at Paul's variety of sentences. There are times he is simply making a statement about what is true. Other times he will give commands to the Christian. If we can learn to spot these as we study, we will have even more clarity on what God is saying through His word!

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## What does this *mean?*

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This tool is definitely one that makes a difference in my Bible study time. There are plenty of words that we use in our vocabulary here in the Bible Belt. Some people call this “Christianese” language. Words like “gospel, peace, etc.” fill our conversations but do we actually know what it’s talking about?

There are a few different ways you can tackle this. I will share different ways I do this and you can choose which one(s) work for you.

As I am reading, I try to focus to see if there’s a word I think I know what it means, but if someone asked me the definition, I wouldn’t be able to articulate it to them. Or if there is a word I DON’T know what it means, this is what I do.

1. I look the word up in the dictionary - okay, I “google” the definition.
2. I look for synonyms of that word.
3. I read that verse in another translation to see if it uses a different word.
4. If I am REALLY digging in, I use an app to see what the original word is along with its definition and then see where else in the Bible this word is used. (I use the app “Literal Word” for this - it is incredibly easy to navigate.)
5. Once I have a better understanding of the word, I rewrite the verse using the definition I have found. (This is also a good practice to help with comprehension.)

This can be a method that evolves as you grow in your Bible reading. Don’t sweat this too much, but don’t ignore it altogether either.

# Bonus Words to look for

Another thing to look for as you're reading Scripture, is for connecting words. These are specific words that connect different ideas throughout Scripture and answer certain questions.

When you see the following words, you need to ask the question, "Why?"

Words like -

- in order
- so that
- because
- since
- for (typically)

} Why?

For example:

*We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, **since** we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for the saints, **because** of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of truth, the gospel, (1:3-5)*

**WHY** do they thank God when they pray for the church at Colossae? *Since* they heard of their faith in Jesus and their love for the saints!

**WHY** do the Christians at Colossae have faith in Christ and love for the saints? *Because* of the hope laid up in heaven for them!

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# Bonus Words to look for

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When you see the following words, you need to ask the question, "How?"

Words like -

- by
  - from
  - through
  - if
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These are "**conjunctions**" - they connect ideas by showing cause/effect by giving reason for something happening.

*For **by** him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or ruler or authorities - all things were created through him and for him. (1:16)*

**HOW** were all things created? By Christ!

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When you see the word "**therefore**" you need to ask, "What is the therefore there for?" Therefore can mean "*as a result of.*" It is telling us the result/consequences of what happened before. You need to look at previous verses to get full context.

*Therefore as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him (2:6-7a)*

**As a result of you receiving Christ, you should be walking in him.**

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When you see the word, "**but**" you need to think "on the other hand" or "on the contrary." This shows a difference or contrast in the idea or sentence.

# Cross - References

Cross-references tell us where this same idea is found in the rest of Scripture. This will give us a deeper and broader understanding of the whole of Scripture—the Old and New Testaments.

Cross-references are the tiny letters found beside the word or phrase you're looking at. When you trace that verse and letter to the cross-references listed in your Bible it will tell you where to look for that same idea. You can then go to those verses and read for greater detail (or if you have extra time, follow those cross-references!) The opportunities are endless here.

Remember God's Word is a limitless fountain for you. You can drink until you're satisfied. It can be as small as you want or as deep - it never runs dry!

Also, this is your friendly reminder that these don't all have to be done in one sitting. I don't always use cross references everytime I read my Bible, but when I am looking for something to go deeper, these are good resources to use!



# Colossians

## WEEK 1

*For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by the blood of his cross.*

*Colossians 1:19-20*



# *Colossians* INTRODUCTION

Today we will start with CONTEXT!

**BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER - READ THROUGH THE ENTIRE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS IN ONE SITTING. Don't skip this step.**

After you have done that, flip to the next page and go to my [Introduction video on YouTube](#). Make sure to take notes!

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# 01 Introduction

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Who wrote the book of Colossians?

To whom was it written?

When was it written?

What literary genre is Colossians written in?

What is theme/purpose of this letter?

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# Colossians 01

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## *Greeting*

[1] Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, [2] To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

## *Thanksgiving and Prayer*

[3] We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, [4] since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, [5] because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, [6] which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, [7] just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf [8] and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

[9] And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, [10] so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; [11] being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; [12] giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

[13] He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*The Preeminence of Christ*

[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. [16] For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. [17] And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18] And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. [19] For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, [20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

[21] And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, [22] he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, [23] if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

*Paul's Ministry to the Church*

[24] Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, [25] of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, [26] the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. [27] To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. [28] Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. [29] For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

**Week 1**  
*Day 2*

Before you start today's work, read all of Colossians Chapter 1.

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Summarize Chapter 1 in 2-3 sentences.

Today we are going to focus on verses 1-8. Read through the verses and take note of what you read. The following questions are to guide you. (Hint. Hint: These are from our resources section.)

What does this reveal about God?

What does this reveal about humankind (me)?

Are there any themes or repeated words or phrases you notice?

Are there any words you need to look up a definition for?

What point is Paul trying to make in these first verses of his letter?

Are there any connecting words?

Cross-references you found.

Week 1

# Day 2 Continued for *notes*

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In verses 1-2, what 3 things do we see in the introduction of this letter?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

In verses 3-14, Paul is thanking the Lord for the saints at Colossae and prays for them.

What 2 things has Paul heard about the Colossians that he thanks the Lord for in verses 3-4?

What is the motivation of the Colossians? (Verse 5)

What is the difference between faith and hope?

What is this gospel according to Paul?

How would you explain what "the gospel" is?

Paul reminds them of their encounter with this gospel. What 3 verbs does he use to describe it in verses 6b-7?

Summarize verses 9-14 in one sentence.

Today we are going to focus on verses 9-14. Read through the verses and take note of what you read. The following questions are to guide you. (Hint. Hint: These are from our resources section.)

What does this reveal about God?

What does this reveal about humankind (me)?

Are there any themes or repeated words or phrases you notice?

Are there any words you need to look up a definition for?

What point is Paul trying to make in these first verses of his letter?

Are there any connecting words?

Cross-references you found.

Week 1

# Day 4 Continued for *notes*

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In verses 9-14, Paul prays for Colossians.

What does Paul pray for? List them.

In verses 13-14, which two persons of the Trinity does Paul refer to?  
What does he attribute to each of them?



# Colossians

## WEEK 2

*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

*Colossians 2:6-7*

## Week 2

# Day 1

Before you start today's work, read all of Colossians Chapter 1.

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Summarize verses 15-23 in one sentence.

Today we are going to focus on verses 15-23. Read through the verses and take note of what you read. The following questions are to guide you. (Hint. Hint: These are from our resources section.)

What does this reveal about God?

What does this reveal about humankind (me)?

Are there any themes or repeated words or phrases you notice?

Are there any words you need to look up a definition for?

What point is Paul trying to make in these first verses of his letter?

Are there any connecting words?

Cross-references you found.

*Day 1 Continued for notes*

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## Week 2

# Day 2

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Verses 15-20 talk about the preeminence of Christ.

*Preeminent - surpassing all others; very distinguished in some way; greatest, leading, foremost, unequaled, matchless, supreme*

What do verses 15-17 reveal about Christ? List them.

What do verses 18-20 reveal about Christ? List them.

How was peace made possible in verse 20? How would you define this “peace” Paul is describing?

Week 2

# Day 2 continued...

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What is our role in this reconciliation? What do verses 21-23 reveal about us?

Definitions:

alienated -

hostile -

**After today's study on your own, you can watch my teaching video on YouTube here.**

## Week 2

# Day 3

Before you start today's work, read all of Colossians Chapter 1.

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Summarize verses 24-29 in one sentence.

Today we are going to focus on verses 24-29. Read through the verses and take note of what you read. The following questions are to guide you. (Hint. Hint: These are from our resources section.)

What does this reveal about God?

What does this reveal about humankind (me)?

Are there any themes or repeated words or phrases you notice?

Are there any words you need to look up a definition for?

What point is Paul trying to make in these first verses of his letter?

Are there any connecting words?

Cross-references you found.

# Day 3 Continued for *notes*

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Verses 24-29 are where Paul gives his reason for writing to the church of Colossae.

Where did Paul get his calling to ministry from?

What is Paul's goal of this ministry?

What is the mystery hidden for ages?

Why is Paul writing this letter?

What is Christ sufficient over in Chapter 1?

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# Colossians 02

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[1] For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, [2] that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, [3] in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. [4] I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. [5] For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

## *Alive in Christ*

[6] Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, [7] rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

[8] See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. [9] For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, [10] and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. [11] In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, [12] having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. [13] And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, [14] by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. [15] He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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# Colossians 02

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## *Let No One Disqualify You*

[16] Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. [17] These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. [18] Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, [19] and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

[20] If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—[21] “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” [22] (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? [23] These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

## Week 2

# Day 5

Before you start today's work, read all of Colossians Chapter 2.

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Summarize Colossians Chapter 2 in 2-3 sentences.

Next week, we will focus on verses 1-5. Read through the verses and take note of what you read. The following questions are to guide you. (Hint. Hint: These are from our resources section.)

What does this reveal about God?

What does this reveal about humankind (me)?

Are there any themes or repeated words or phrases you notice?

Are there any words you need to look up a definition for?

What point is Paul trying to make in these first verses of his letter?

Are there any connecting words?

Cross-references you found.

# Day 5 Continued for *notes*

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# Colossians

## WEEK 3

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

*Colossians 3:1-4*

## Week 3

# Day 1

Before you start today's work, read all of Colossians Chapter 2.

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Go back through and underline all of the "warnings" from Paul and circle all of the phrases "in Him" "with Him" and "in Whom" when it is referencing Christ.

In verses 1-5, Paul is continuing to explain to the church why he is writing to them. Why do you think he spends time to do this?

In verses 2-3, Paul tells them why he "has a great struggle for them." List what his struggle is for (in other words, what does he want for them?):

WHY does he want these things for them? (Verse 4)

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### Week 3

## Day 2

Before you start today's work, read all of Colossians Chapter 2.

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Summarize Colossians 2:6-15 in one sentence.

This week, we will focus on verses 6-15. Read through the verses and take note of what you read. The following questions are to guide you. (Hint. Hint: These are from our resources section.)

What does this reveal about God?

What does this reveal about humankind (me)?

Are there any themes or repeated words or phrases you notice?

Are there any words you need to look up a definition for?

What point is Paul trying to make in these first verses of his letter?

Are there any connecting words?

Cross-references you found.

# Day 2 Continued for *notes*

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## Week 3

# Day 3

Before you start today's work, read all of Colossians Chapter 2.

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What word does verse 6 start with? \_\_\_\_\_

Anytime you see the word "therefore" you need to ask, "What is the 'therefore' there for?"

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord... What 3 things should come because of who they are in Christ?

What does he warn them against in verse 8?

Paul gives us the "why" behind the warnings from verse 8. What truths do we have in Christ based on verses 9-12?

Week 3

# Day 3 continued...

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Look at verses 13-15, list below what it says about God and what it says about us:

What is Christ sufficient over in these verses?

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## Week 3

# Day 4

Before you start today's work, read all of Colossians Chapter 2.

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Summarize Colossians 2:16-23 in one sentence.

This week, we will focus on verses 16-23. Read through the verses and take note of what you read. The following questions are to guide you. (Hint. Hint: These are from our resources section.)

What does this reveal about God?

What does this reveal about humankind (me)?

Are there any themes or repeated words or phrases you notice?

Are there any words you need to look up a definition for?

What point is Paul trying to make in these first verses of his letter?

Are there any connecting words?

Cross-references you found.

# Day 4 Continued for notes

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## Week 3

# Day 5

Before you start today's work, read all of Colossians Chapter 2.

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Read verses 16-23

Verse 16 starts with \_\_\_\_\_. Paul reminds the Colossians who they are in Christ before he warns them against some other false teachings. What is he warning against here?

What is he warning against?

What is he teaching (reminding) them?

What is wrong with all these teachings?

Why is that important?

What is Christ sufficient over in Chapter 2?

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# Colossians

## WEEK 4

*Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

*Colossians 4:5-6*

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# Colossians 03

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## *Put On the New Self*

[1] If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. [3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. [5] Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. [6] On account of these the wrath of God is coming. [7] In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. [8] But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. [9] Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices [10] and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. [11] Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. [12] Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13] bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. [14] And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. [15] And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. [16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. [17] And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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# Colossians 03

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## *Rules for Christian Households*

[18] Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. [19] Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. [20] Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. [21] Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. [22] Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. [23] Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, [24] knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. [25] For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

## Week 4

# Day 1

Before you start today's work, read all of Colossians Chapter 3.

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Summarize Colossians 3 in 2-3 sentences.

This week, we will focus on all of chapter 3. Read through the verses and take note of what you read. The following questions are to guide you. (Hint. Hint: These are from our resources section.)

What does this reveal about God?

What does this reveal about humankind (me)?

Are there any themes or repeated words or phrases you notice?

Are there any words you need to look up a definition for?

What point is Paul trying to make in these first verses of his letter?

Are there any connecting words?

Cross-references you found.

*Day 1 Continued for notes*

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Humor me for a quick English lesson. There are two types of sentences in chapter 3 that Paul uses. The first type of sentence he uses are indicatives (or we'll call them statements.)

*Indicatives - statements of fact*

***In Scripture, these are truths, possibly about us, based upon what God has done. We can view this as who we are in our new identity.***

The second type of sentence he uses are imperatives. We call these commands.

*Imperatives - commands that require action*

***In Scripture, these are things we are commanded to do or NOT to do because of our new identity. These can be positive or negative.***

Flip to chapter 3 in this workbook. You are going to go through and circle every statement (indicative) and underline every command (imperative).

Bonus points if you use different colors. You can also highlight these if it is easier.

Also, sometimes there are both a statement and a command in one sentence, so be on the lookout!

When you're finished, make sure to go watch my video over Chapter 3 on YouTube.

Looking specifically over verses 18-25. Sometimes these verses are quoted out of context. Look over some cross-references and see if you can see what point Paul is making.

Remember, even when Scripture is hard to grasp, we should continue to wrestle with it in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal what is true to us.

What is Christ sufficient over in Chapter 3?

[Then follow up watching my teaching over this section here.](#)

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# Colossians 04

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[1] Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

## *Further Instructions*

[2] Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. [3] At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—[4] that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. [5] Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. [6] Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

## *Final Greetings*

[7] Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. [8] I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, [9] and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

[10] Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), [11] and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. [12] Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. [13] For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. [14] Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. [15] Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. [16] And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. [17] And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”

[18] I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

## Week 4

# Day 4

Before you start today's work, read all of Colossians Chapter 4.

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Summarize Colossians 4 in 2-3 sentences.

This week, we will focus on all of chapter 4.. Read through the verses and take note of what you read. The following questions are to guide you. (Hint. Hint: These are from our resources section.)

What does this reveal about God?

What does this reveal about humankind (me)?

Are there any themes or repeated words or phrases you notice?

Are there any words you need to look up a definition for?

What point is Paul trying to make in these first verses of his letter?

Are there any connecting words?

Cross-references you found.

# Day 4 Continued for notes

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Before you start today's work, read all of Colossians! Yes, ALL of Colossians. As you come to chapter 4, see how Paul is wrapping up his letter now that you've been studying it for the last 4 weeks!

*We're going to wrap up, looking at cross-references. Remember, cross - references are one of the ways we can use the Bible to interpret the Bible. If you want to see where an idea is repeated or you'd like to see more on a person, cross-references are one way we can do that.*

Verse 5 - "walk in wisdom" See Ephesians 5:15-17

How does this Scripture help us understand what this means?

Verse 6 - "seasoned with salt" See Luke 14:34

What does Jesus say about salt and how should that affect us?

**Week 4**

## Day 5 *continued...*

Verse 6 - "ought to answer each person" See 1 Peter 3:15

What is the correct heart posture in how we should "answer each person"?

Verse 12 - "*mature*" See Matthew 5:48, Philippians 3:15 (Don't forget to look at surrounding verses.)

What does this show us about being mature?

What is Christ sufficient over in Chapter 4?

[When you're finished, watch my final teaching on Colossians 4 here.](#)

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