

## COLOSSIANS OUTLINE

Theme: Jesus Christ

Purpose: The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded

- I. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded through Paul's Salutation. (1:1-2)
- II. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded through Paul's Prayer. (1:3-14)
  - A. They are encouraged and not deluded through Paul's Praise to God. (3-9)
  - B. They are encouraged and not deluded through Paul's Petition to God. (10-14)
- III. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded because of the Person of Christ. (1:15-23)
- IV. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded through the Passion and Purpose of Paul. (1:24-2:5)
  - A. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded through the Passion of Paul. (1:24-29)
  - B. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded through the Purpose of Paul. (2:1-5)
- V. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded by their Practice in Christ. (2:6-4:6)
  - A. They Practice freedom in Christ. (2:6-23)
  - B. They Pursue things above. (3:1-4)
  - C. They Put off the Old Self. (3:5-11)
  - D. They Put on the New Self. (3:12-17)
  - E. They Practice Principles of family relationships. (3:18-21)
  - F. They Practice Principles of slave/master relationships. (3:22-4:1)
  - G. They Practice Prayer. (4:2-4)
  - H. They Practice good conduct and speech toward unbelievers. (4:5-6)
- VI. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded by Paul and his co-workers. (4:7-18)
  - A. They are encouraged and not deluded by Paul's Affairs. (4:7-9)
  - B. They are encouraged and not deluded by Paul's co-workers. (4:10-14)
  - C. They are encouraged and not deluded by Paul's greeting and instruction. (4:15-18)

## Colossians 3: 1-4

- V. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded in their Practice in Christ (2:6-4:6)
- A. Their Practice (conduct) was to be in Christ: "(you) walk in Him" (2:6-7)
  - B. They were to Practice Freedom in Christ. (2:8-23)
  - C. They were to Pursue things above
    - 1. The Requirements of a resurrected life. (3:1-2)
      - a. You continually seek the things above (1)
        - 1.) Condition: If--are you a believer?—Yes. You have been raised with Christ
        - 2.) Location: Where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God (honor/authority)
      - b. You continually set your mind on the things (2)
        - 1.) Location: above
        - 2.) Restriction: not on things that are on earth.
    - 2. The Reason for a resurrected life. (3:3)
      - a. The past situation: For you have died (Rom. 6:1-14, Eph. 2:1-7, Gal. 2:20)
      - b. The present condition: and your life is hidden with Christ in God
    - 3. The Result from a resurrected life (4):
      - a. The Time of the revealing: When Christ who is our life is revealed
      - b. The Association in the revealing: then you also will be revealed with Him in glory

## Colossians 3:5-11

- D. They were to Put Off the Old Self. (3:5-11)
- 1. The requirement: "Put to death/kill in your earthly members"
    - a. Immorality—action, from pornea—any sexual sin
    - b. Impurity—uncleanness—moral and physical: thoughts/intentions of the mind
    - c. Passion—emotion—caught up in the feeling
    - d. Evil desire—lust, mental
    - e. Greed—covetousness (root cause) want more: idolatry—my desire not God's
  - 2. The Reasons for putting to death these things.
    - a. "Because the wrath of God is coming"—Tribulation, Great White Throne Judgment
    - b. "In which you walked when you were living in these things"
  - 3. The Requirement: "Put them all aside"
    - a. Anger—state of mind with deep smoldering resentful bitterness
    - b. Wrath—outburst of a vengeful mind, outburst of anger (verbal or physical)
    - c. Malice—desire for harm to come to others
    - d. Slander—blasphemian: in regard to God blasphemy, in regard to man slander--  
insults, disparaging remarks
    - e. Abusive speech—obscene, derogatory speech, foul-mouthed abuse
    - f. Lying—stop lying
  - 4. The Reasons for putting aside these things
    - a. "(Since you) laid aside (lit. having laid aside) the old man with its evil practices"
    - b. (Since you) "have put (lit. having put) on the new man (who is) being renewed to a true knowledge"
      - 1.) According to the image of the One created him.
      - 2.) In which there is no (distinction between)
        - a.) Greek
        - b.) Jew
        - c.) circumcised
        - d.) uncircumcised
        - e.) Barbarian—people who spoke inarticulate and stammering speech
        - f.) Scythian—nomadic, warlike people noted for their savagery
        - g.) Slave
        - h.) Free
      - 3.) "But Christ is all and in all"

Colossians 3:12-17

E. They were to Put on the New Self (3:12-17)

1. The Characteristics of the Colossians

- a. Chosen or elect ones
- b. Holy—set apart from sin and unto God
- c. Beloved—having been loved

2. The Commands for the Colossians

a. You put on/clothe (yourselves)

- 1.) Heart of compassion—bowels: innermost parts
- 2.) Kindness
- 3.) Humility—low in mind, lowly
- 4.) Gentleness—willingness to suffer injury instead of inflicting it
- 5.) Patience—long wrath
- 6.) Bearing with one another—endure
- 7.) Forgiving
  - a.) If anyone has a complaint
  - b.) As the Lord forgave so also you
- 8.) Love—agape
  - a.) And over all these things
  - b.) Which is the bond of unity

b. Let the peace of Christ rule—umpire (in athletic activities)

- 1.) In your hearts
- 2.) To which you were called into one body

c. You be thankful

d. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly (live in, be at home in) (abundantly extravagantly rich)

- 1.) In all wisdom teaching (positive imparting of truth)
- 2.) (in all wisdom) admonishing yourselves (warning of consequences of behavior)
  - a.) Psalms—songs with instrumental accompaniment
  - b.) Hymns—praise to God
  - c.) Spiritual songs
  - d.) Thankfulness/grace
  - e.) Singing in your hearts—inner being

e. (You do) whatever you may do

- 1.) In word or deed
- 2.) All things in the name of the Lord Jesus
- 3.) Giving thanks to God the Father through Him