

Colossians, Philemon, & Ephesians

	Colossians	Philemon	Ephesians
<u>With</u> Timothy	1:1	1	
<u>With</u> Epaphras	1:7; 4:12	23	
<u>With</u> Mark & Aristarchus	4:10	24	
<u>With</u> Luke & Demas	4:14	24	
Onesimus <u>Sent</u>	4:9	10,11	
Tychicus <u>Sent</u>	4:7,8		6:21,22
Greetings <u>To</u> Archippus	4:17	2	

A Brief "Life of Paul"

<i>Year</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Letters</i>
36	Conversion	Acts 9	
40	*First Jerusalem Visit (w/ Barnabas)	Acts 9:26-30	
41-43	In Tarsus	Acts 9:30	
44-45	In Antioch with Barnabas	Acts 11:25, 26	
45	*Second Jerusalem Visit (w/ Gifts)	Acts 11:27	
46-47	First Journey (w/ Barnabas)	Acts 13,14	
48-49	In Antioch	Acts 14:26-28	
50	*Third Jerusalem Visit (Conference)	Acts 15	
50-53	Second Journey (w/ Silas & Timothy)	Acts 15-18	I, II Thess
53	*Fourth Jerusalem Visit (the Church) (To Antioch)	Acts 18:22	
54-58	Third Journey	Acts 18:23-21:14	I, II Corinthians Galatians Romans
58	*Fifth Jerusalem Visit (Imprisoned)	Acts 21:15-23:30	
58-60	Imprisoned in Caesarea	Acts 23-26	
60-61	Taken to Rome	Acts 27,28	
61-63	Early Imprisonment in Rome	Acts 28:16-31	Col., Philemon, Eph., Philip. I Tim, Titus
63-67	?? Release, Journey to Spain, etc.??		
67-68	Later Imprisonment in Rome, Death		II Timothy

Outline of Colossians

- I. Paul's [Prayer] Thanks, Request, and Praise of Christ** (1:1-23)
 - A. Thanks to God for Colossians' Hope (1:3-8)
 - B. Request to God for Colossian's Growth and Strength (1:9-11)
 - C. Thanks for Deliverance Into Kingdom & Description of Its King (1:12-23)
- II. Paul's Work in the Gospel for the Colossians** (1:24-2:3)
 - A. Description of the Duty Given to Paul by God (1:24-29)
 - B. Expression of Concern For, and Closeness to Readers (2:1-4)
- III. Errors of Men Compared With the Truth of Christ** (2:4-3:4)
 - A. Warning Against Persuasive Speech (2:4-7)
 - B. Warning Against Human Reasoning (2:8-15)
 - C. Warning Against Old Law Keeping (2:16,17)
 - D. Warning Against False Religious Practices (2:18-3:4)
- IV. Thing to Put Off and Put On**..... (3:5-17)
 - A. Things to Put Off (3:5-9)
 - B. Things to Put On (3:10-17)
- V. Behavior in Everyday Relationships** (3:18-4:1)
 - A. Family Responsibilities (3:18-21)
 - B. Servant-master Responsibilities (3:22-4:1)
 - C. Exhortations to Prayer and Wise Living (4:2-6)
- VI. Personal Greetings to and From Friends**..... (4:7-18)
 - A. Introduction of the Letter-carriers (4:7-9)
 - B. Salutations to Rome (4:10-14)
 - C. Salutations to Colossae (4:15-18)

Organization of Colossian Letter

(2:4-6) Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you ... As you have therefore received **Christ Jesus the Lord**, so walk in Him.

Paul' Work

- Duty to Christ's Body
- Concern for Colossians

(1:23)

If indeed you continue in the faith ... of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Paul' Prayer

- Thanks/Request for Colossians
- Description of the King (1:13-22)

Errors of Men & Truth of Christ

- Persuasion
- Human Reason
- Old Law
- False Practice

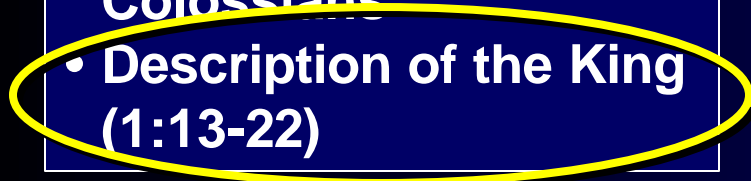
(3:2,3) Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden **with Christ in God**.

Christ is Preeminent

Things to Put Off & Put On

(3:17) And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the **name of the Lord Jesus**

Behavior in Everyday Relationships



Col 1:1-12 – Paul's Prayer

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, **2** To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, **4** since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; **5** because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, **6** which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; **7** as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, **8** who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **10** that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and long-suffering with joy; **12** giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Col 1:13-23 -- Description of the King

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. **15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. **17** And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. **18** And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, **20** and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. **21** And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled **22** in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and irreproachable in His sight **23** if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

“All Things”

God

Christ: the Image & Fullness of God

Supernatural
Beings

Man

World

Created Things

In Heaven
On Earth



Christ and...

God

- Son of His Love (1:13)
- His Image (1:15)
- His Mystery (2:2)
- Seated at Right Hand (3:1)
- Fullness of Godhead in Him (2:9)

Creation

- Firstborn (1:15)
- Created Through & For Him (1:16)
- Before All Things (1:17)
- Holds All Things Together (1:18)

Principalities, Powers...

- Created Through & For Him (1:16)
- Head Over All (2:10)
- Made Display of Them (2:13)
- Triumphed Over Them (2:13)

The Church (Us)

He Is:

- Our Head (1:18; 2:19)
- Firstborn From the Dead (1:18)
- First Place in Everything (1:18)
- Our Life (3:4)

We Are:

- His Body (1:24)
- Reconciled through His Death (1:20-22)
- Circumcised in Him (2:11)
- Buried & Raised with Him in Baptism (2:12)
- Made Alive with Him (2:13)
- Forgiven & Freed by Him (2:13)
- Raised Up with Him (3:1)

Col 1:23-2:3 - Paul's Work

23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister. **24** I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, **25** of which I became minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, **26** the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. **27** To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. **28** Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. **29** To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

2:1 For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, **2** that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, **3** in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

The Colossian Errors

Origin

- This World (2:8)
- Traditions of Men (2:8)
- Philosophies of Men (2:8)

Practices

- Keeping Feasts/Days (2:16)
- Self Abasement (2:23)
- Worship of Angels (2:18)
- Not Touching/Tasting (2:21,22)
- Severity to the Body (2:23)

Appeal

- Persuasive Speech (2:4)
- Show of Wisdom (2:23)
- Deception (2:4; 2:8; 2:18)
- Pride (2:18)

Authority

- Traditions of Men (2:8)
- Philosophy of Men (2:8)
- Principles of the World (2:8)
- Visions (2:18)

Christ, Preeminent Over All

**God's Image &
Fulness: Christ
(1:15,19)**

**All Wisdom
(2:3)**

**Mystery Re-
vealed (1:27)**

**Creator/Sustainer
of All (1:16,17)**

**Head of All
Saved (1:18)**

**Reality Behind
Shadow (2:17)**

**Creator (1:16)
Conqueror (2:15)
Head (2:10)**

**The
Christian**

The Appeal of Error (Col 2:4-3:4)

<i>Danger</i>	<i>Appeal</i>	<i>Protection</i>
(2:4) Let no <u>One Deceive You</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuasive Words (Logic, Argument) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order & Steadfastness in Faith • Walk In Christ--as Received • Firmly Rooted, Built, Established
(2:8) Lest Anyone <u>Take You Captive</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy & Empty Deceit • Traditions of Men (Popular Opinion) • Basic Principles of the World (Science) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize Christ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fullness of Deity - Over all Rulers - Your Completeness • Remember Changes in Christ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Circumcision - Dead & Alive - Buried & Raised - Cancelled Debt
(2:16) Let No Man <u>Judge You</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Religious” Appeal (Traditional Practices) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember Old Practices Were Shadows -- Christ is the Reality.
(2:18) Let No Man <u>Cheat (Rob) You</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Striking Worship • Things Seen, Fleshly Mind • Appearance of Wisdom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember Not Holding to the Head • Realize No Value Against Lusts • Set Mind on Things Above: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christ’s Revelation - Our Glorification

Col 3:5-17 - Things to Put Off & Put On

5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. **6** Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, **7** in which you also once walked when you lived in them. **8** But now you must also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of you mouth. **9** Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, **10** and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, **11** where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; **13** bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. **14** But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. **15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. **17** And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Things to Put Off

<i>NAS</i>	<i>NKJ</i>	<i>NIV</i>	<i>ASV</i>	<i>Ideas</i>
Immorality	Fornication	Sexual Immorality	Fornication	
Impurity	Uncleaness	Impurity	Uncleaness	
Passion	Passion	Lust	Passion	Improper Affection
Evil Desire	Evil Desire	Evil Desires	Evil Desire	Craving, Longing
Greed	Covetousness	Greed	Covetousness	(equal to idolatry)
Anger	Anger	Anger	Anger	(emotion)
Wrath	Wrath	Rage	Wrath	temper expressed
Malice	Malice	Malice	Malice	hatred expressed
Slander	Blasphemy	Slander	Railing	harm w/ tongue
Abusive Speech	Filthy Language	Filthy Language	Shameful Speaking	

Things to Put On

<i>NAS</i>	<i>NKJ</i>	<i>NIV</i>	<i>ASV</i>	<i>Other Definitions</i>
Compassion	Tender mercies	Compassion	Compassion	seeing other side
Kindness	Kindness	Kindness	Kindness	working best for another
Humility	Humbleness	Humility	Lowliness	putting self aside
Gentleness	Meekness	Gentleness	Meekness	not angered or provoked
Patience	Longsuffering	Patience	Longsuffering	high tolerance threshold
Bearing With	Bearing With	Bearing with	Forbearing	sharing loads
Forgiving	Forgiving	Forgiving	Forgiving	

“In His Name”

Salvation

Acts 10:43; Acts 4:12

Baptism

Luke 8:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 19:5

Preaching

Luke 24:47; Acts 9:27,28

Good Deeds

Matt 18:5; James 5:14

Miracles

Acts 3:6, 4:10, 30; 16:18; 19:13

Giving Thanks

Eph 5:20

Making Requests

John 15:16 (see 15:7; 16:23)

Concepts:

- 1. By His Authority, As His Representative (II Thes 3:6)**
- 2. By His Enabling Power, Giving Him the Credit**
- 3. For His Benefit, On His Behalf (cf to Acts 26:9)**
- 4. In Response to His Command, In Obedience to Him**

Firstborn

(KJV - Firstborn 7, First Begotten 2; 9)

- 1) First to be Born
- 2) Priority to, Preeminence over
- 3) Superiority of Position

Psalm 89:19-27

Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon *one that is* mighty; I have exalted *one* chosen out of the people. I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him. And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him. But my faithfulness and my mercy *shall be* with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers. He shall cry unto me, Thou *art* my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

Fullness

(KJV - Fulness 13, full 1, fulfilling 1, which is put in to fill up 1, pierce that filled up 1; 17)

- 1) That which is (has been) filled
 - a) a ship inasmuch as it is filled (i.e. manned) with sailors, rowers, and soldiers
 - b) in the NT, the body of believers, as that which is filled with the presence, power, agency, riches of God and of Christ
- 2) That which fills or with which a thing is filled
 - a) of those things which a ship is filled, freight and merchandise, sailors, oarsmen, soldiers
 - b) completeness or fulness of time
- 3) Fulness, abundance
- 4) A fulfilling, keeping

Dominions, Principalities, Powers

Dominion (KJV - Dominion 3, government 1; 4)

- 1) Dominion, power, lordship
- 2) In the NT: one who possesses dominion

Principalities (KJV - Beginning 40, principality 8, corner 2, first 2, misc 6; 58)

- 1) beginning, origin
- 2) the person or thing that commences, the first person or thing in a series, the leader
- 3) that by which anything begins to be, the origin, the active cause
- 4) the extremity of a thing (as of the corners of a sail)
- 5) the first place, principality, rule, magistracy (of angels and demons)

Dominions, Principalities, Powers

Power (KJV - Power 69, authority 29, right 2, liberty 1, jurisdiction 1, strength 1; 103)

- 1) power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases
 - a) leave or permission
- 2) physical and mental power
 - a) Strength with which one is endued, which he possesses or exercises
- 3) the power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege)
- 4) the power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed)
 - a) universally: authority over mankind
 - b) specifically
 - 4b1) the power of judicial decisions
 - 4b2) of authority to manage domestic affairs
 - c) metonymically
 - 1) a thing subject to authority or rule: jurisdiction
 - 2) one who possesses authority
 - a) a ruler, a human magistrate
 - b) leading and more powerful among created beings superior to man, spiritual potentates
 - d) a sign of the husband's authority over his wife
 - e) the sign of regal authority, a crown

Reconcile

(KJV - Reconcile 3; 3)

- 1) to reconcile completely
- 2) to reconcile back again
- 3) bring back a former state of harmony

Rudiments

(KJV - Element 4, Rudiment 2, Principle 1; 7)

Any first thing, from which the others belonging to some series or composite whole take their rise, an element, first principal

- a) the letters of the alphabet as the elements of speech, not however the written characters, but the spoken sounds**
- b) the elements from which all things have come, the material causes of the universe**
- c) the heavenly bodies, either as parts of the heavens or (as others think) because in them the elements of man, life and destiny were supposed to reside**
- d) the elements, rudiments, primary and fundamental principles of any art, science, or discipline**
 - d1) i.e. of mathematics, Euclid's geometry**

Handwriting of Ordinances

(KJV - Handwriting 1; 1)

- 1) A handwriting, what one has written by his own hand
- 2) A note of hand or writing in which one acknowledges that money has either been deposited with him or lent to him by another, to be returned at the appointed time

(KJV - Decree 3, Ordinance 2; 5)

- 1) Doctrine, decree, ordinance
 - a) of public decrees
 - b) of the Roman Senate
 - c) of rulers
- 2) The rules and requirements of the law of Moses; carrying a suggestion of severity and of threatened judgment
- 3) Of certain decrees of the apostles relative to right living

Luke

Travels with Paul

Acts 16:10-17 From Troas to Philippi (2nd Journey)

Acts 20:5-15 Philippi to Troas (3rd Journey)

Acts 21:1-18 Troas to Jerusalem (3rd Journey)

Acts 17:1-28:16 Jerusalem to Rome

Col 4:14 With Paul in Early Imprisonment

II Tim 4:11 With Paul in Later Imprisonment

Biography and Character

Col 4:14 The Beloved Physician

Philem 24 Paul's Fellow Worker

(from Luke) Educated, Cultured, Medical Knowledge;
Interest in Sea-faring, Close Association
with Mary, Mother of Jesus

Barnabas

Biography

Acts 4:36

Sold a Field for Needy in Jerusalem

Acts 9:27

Spoke in Saul's Behalf in Jerusalem

Acts 11:22-26

At News of Gentile Conversions, Sent to Work with the Antioch Church

Acts 13:1

Prophet and/or Teacher at Antioch

Gal 2:13

Rebuked by Paul for Hypocrisy (w/ Peter)

Acts 13:2,3

Chosen by Holy Spirit to Preach to Asia (1st)

Acts 14:14

Called an Apostle (of Antioch Church)

Acts 15:2,22-35

Sent to Jerusalem Conference from Antioch, Then Sent to Syria, Asia Minor to Teach Truth.

Acts 15:36-41

Disagreed with Paul about Mark, Later (2nd) Went to Cyprus with Mark.

Character

I Cor 9:6

Paul Says He has a Right not to Work

Gal 2:1,9,13

Right Hand of Fellowship from Peter, James, John

Acts 11:24

A Good Man, Full of the Holy Spirit and Faith

Mark

(“John” = Jewish, “Mark” = Roman)

Biography

? Mark 14:51-52	Young Man in Linen Sheet at Arrest of Jesus
Acts 12:12	His Mother’s House in Jerusalem was a Place of Meeting for the Early Church
Acts 12:25	Returns with Paul and Barnabas to Antioch
Acts 13:13	Turns Back to Jerusalem on 1 st Journey
Acts 15:37,38	Went with Barnabas to Cyprus (2 nd)
Philem 24	With Paul in Early Imprisonment
Col 4:10	Barnabas’ Cousin
II Tim 4:11	Requested by Paul in Later Imprisonment
I Peter 5:13	With Peter; Called “my son”

Character

Philem 24	Paul’s Fellow Worker
Col 4:10	Paul Recommends Him to Colossian Church
II Tim 4:11	He is Useful to Paul

Onesimus

Biography

Philem; Col 4:9
Philem 16
Col 4:7-9

Slave of Philemon in Colossae
Brought to Paul in Rome
Went Back to Colossae with Tychicus

Character

Philem 11
Philem 13
Col 4:9

Formerly Useless
Ministered to Paul in Prison
“Our Faithful, Beloved Brother, who is One of Your Number”

Philemon

Biography

Philem

Resident of Colossae; Church in His House
Owner of Onesimus
?Wife: Apphia
?Son: Archippus to Give Heed to His Ministry

Character

Philem 7
Philem 21

Hearts of Saints Refreshed by Him
Paul Had Confidence in His Obedience

Tychicus

Biography

- Acts 20:4** Of Asia Traveled Ahead of Paul to Troas (3rd)
- II Cor 8:19ff** Chosen to Carry Collection to Judean Churches
- Eph 6:21** With Onesimus, Carried Letters to Colossae and Ephesus
- Col 4:7-9** To Report to Churches about Paul's Situation
- Titus 3:12** Either he or Artemas to Replace Titus in Crete
- II Tim 4:12** Requested by Paul in Later Imprisonment

Character

- Col 4:7** Able Worker, Trustworthy

Aristarchus

Biography

Acts 19:29

Acts 20:4

Acts 27:2

Col 4:10

Philem 24

(3rd Journey) In Ephesus, Traveling with Paul
 With Paul in Greece, Went on to Troas from
 Thessalonica with Timothy, Tychicus and Others
 With Paul as He Started for Rome
 “Fellow Prisoner” with Paul
 “Fellow Worker” with Paul

Epaphras

Biography

Col 1:4,8

Col 4:12

Col 4:13

Character

Col 1:7

Col 4:12

Reported State of Church to Paul
 One of Number of Colossae
 Concerned for Steadfastness of Colossians
 Also Concerned for Laodicea and Hieropolis
 Beloved Fellow Bond-Servant, Faithful Servant of
 Christ on Behalf of Colossians
 Labored Earnestly for Colossians in Prayers

Demas

Biography

Col 4:14 **With Paul in Rome; Sends Greetings to Colossae**

Philem 24 **“Fellow worker” with Aristarchus, Mark, Luke Ephaphras**

II Tim 4:10 **Forsaken Paul (Deserted)
Went to Thessalonica
Loved This Present World**