Colossians Commentaries & Sermons

Colossians Resources
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Key Words - Key Words -- see importance of key words - learn how to mark key words and the associated discipline of how to interrogate them with 5W/H questions. Practice "interrogating" key words as well as term of conclusion (therefore), term of explanation (for), terms of purpose or result (so that, in order that, that, as a result), terms of contrast (but, yet), expressions of...
time (including then; until, after) and terms of comparison (like, as). You will be amazed at how your Teacher, the Holy Spirit, will illuminate your understanding, a spiritual blessing that will grow the more you practice! Be diligent! Consider the "5P's" - Pause to Ponder the Passage then Practice it in the Power of the Spirit. See also inductive Bible study - observation (Observe With a Purpose), Interpretation (Keep Context King, Read Literally, Compare Scripture with Scripture, Consult Conservative Commentaries), and then be a doer of the Word with Application. Do not overlook "doing the word" for if you do you are deluding yourself, and are just a "smarter sinner," but not more like the Savior! As Jesus said "blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it." (Lk 11:28+, cf James 1:22+)

- **Christ** (23x/24v) - Col. 1:1; Col. 1:2; Col. 1:3; Col. 1:4; Col. 1:7; Col. 1:27; Col. 1:28; Col. 2:2; Col. 2:5; Col. 2:6; Col. 2:8; Col. 2:11; Col. 2:17; Col. 2:20; Col. 3:1; Col. 3:3; Col. 3:4; Col. 3:11; Col. 3:15; Col. 3:16; Col. 3:24; Col. 4:3; Col. 4:12
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- **Faith** (5x/5v) - Col. 1:4; Col. 1:23; Col. 2:5; Col. 2:7; Col. 2:12
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- **Love** (5x/5v) - Col. 1:4; Col. 1:8; Col. 2:2; Col. 3:14; Col. 3:19
- **Pray/prayer** (5x/5v) - Col. 1:3; Col. 1:9; Col. 4:2; Col. 4:3; Col. 4:12

**INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW**

- **Colossians Overview** - John MacArthur
- **Background on Colossians** - Hampton Keathley, III (excellent!)
- **Colossians Overview** - Charles Swindoll (Click Chart on right side of page)
- Swindoll’s audio overview of Colossians - Part 1 Part 2 Part 3 (each about 26’)
- **Colossians Notes & Outlines** - 16 page - J Vernon McGee
- **Colossians - Synthetic Bible Studies** - James Gray
- **Keys to Colossians** - Willam Orr
- **Colossians - Through the Bible Book by Book** - Myer Pearlman
- **Analysis of Colossians** - James Van Dine
Romans tells us how to enter into fellowship with Christ. Ephesians and Colossians tell us how to abide therein! First we come out of bondage, then we are brought into the banqueting house! Ephesians and Colossians represent the highest, fullest, richest presentation of Christianity! "It has been said that if you want to understand the true nature of Jesus Christ, you should study the first chapter of John’s Gospel, the 19th chapter of Revelation, and the Book of Colossians. If you have those three under your belt, you will have a solid understand of who Jesus is and what He desires to do in our world today." (Salvato)

As you read and study Colossians keep Paul's pattern of presentation in mind - Colossians 1-2 are doctrinal and corrective whereas Colossians 3-4 are practical and reassuring. The first 2 chapters present Christ as our Lord, Chapter 3 presents Christ as our Life and Chapter 4 presents Christ as our Love. The first two chapters present Christ's person and work and the last two His peace and presence. While it might be tempting to rush through the first 2 chapters to get to the practical exhortations beginning in Colossians 3, this would be a great mistake, because sound doctrine is the basis and framework for sincere practice. You simply cannot practice the exhortations and commands in the last half if you do not have a sure foundation in the first half.

**First orthodoxy.**
**Then orthopraxy!**

**Orthodoxy** is right thinking. **Orthopraxy** is right conduct.

Bruce Wilkinson - Colossians is one of the most Christ-centered books of the Bible. In it, Paul stresses the supremacy of the person of Christ and the completeness of the salvation He provides in order to combat a growing heresy in the church at Colossae. Christ, the Lord of creation and Head of the body which is His church, is completely sufficient for every spiritual and practical need of the believer. The believer’s union with Christ in His death, resurrection, and exaltation is the foundation upon which his earthly life must be built. Relationship inside and outside the home can demonstrate daily the transformation that faith in Jesus Christ in the walk of the believer. If Ephesians can be labeled the epistle portraying the “Church of Christ,” then Colossians must surely be the “Christ of the Church.” Ephesians focuses on the Body, Colossians on the Head. Like Ephesians, the little Book of Colossians divides neatly in half with the first portion doctrinal (1-2) and the second practical (3-4). Paul’s purpose is to show that Christ is preeminent—first and foremost in everything—and the Christian’s life should reflect that priority. Because believers are rooted in Him, alive with Him, hidden in Him, and complete in Him, it is utterly inconsistent for them to live life without Him. Clothed in His love, with His peace ruling in their hearts, they are equipped to make Christ first in every area of life. (Talk Thru the Bible) The chart below is also from Talk Thru the Bible.
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Warren Wiersbe's Outline *(Quoted by Paul Apple)*

**Theme:** Jesus Christ is Preeminent (Colossians 1:18)

**I. DOCTRINE: CHRIST’S PREEMINENCE DECLARED** – Colossians 1

1. In the Gospel message – Colossians 1:1-12
2. In redemption – Colossians 1:13-14
3. In Creation – Colossians 1:15-17
4. In the church – Colossians 1:18-23
5. In Paul’s ministry – Colossians 1:24-29

**II. DANGER: CHRIST’S PREEMINENCE DEFENDED** – Colossians 2

1. Beware of empty philosophies – Colossians 2:1-10
2. Beware of religious legalism – Colossians 2:11-17

**III. DUTY: CHRIST’S PREEMINENCE DEMONSTRATED** – Colossians 3-4

1. In personal purity – Colossians 3:1-11
2. In Christian fellowship – Colossians 3:12-17
3. In the home – Colossians 3:18-21
4. In daily work – Colossians 3:22-4:1
5. In Christian witness – Colossians 4:2-6
6. In Christian service – Colossians 4:7-18
Vaughan: Theme: “absolute supremacy and sole sufficiency of Christ.” (Quoted by Paul Apple)

Here is another Outline from Talk Thru the Bible

Part One: The Supremacy of Christ in the Church (Col 1:1–2:23)

I Introduction Col 1:1-14
A Paul’s Greeting to the Colossians Col 1:1-2
B Paul’s Thanksgiving for the Colossians Col 1:3-8
C Paul’s Prayer for the Colossians Col 1:9-14

II The Preeminence of Christ Col 1:15-2:3
A Christ Is Preeminent in Creation Col 1:15-18
B Christ Is Preeminent in Redemption Col 1:19-23
C Christ Is Preeminent in the Church Col 1:24-2:3

III The Freedom in Christ Col 2:4-23
A Freedom from Enticing Words Col 2:4-7
B Freedom from Vain Philosophy Col 2:8-10
C Freedom from the Judgment of Men Col 2:11-17
D Freedom from Improper Worship Col 2:18-19
E Freedom from the Doctrine of Men Col 2:20-23

Part Two: The Submission to Christ in the Church (Col 3:1–4:18)

I The Position of the Believer Col 3:1-4
II The Practice of the Believer Col 3:5-4:6
A Put Off the Old Man Col 3:5-11
B Put On the New Man Col 3:12-17
C Personal Commands for Holiness Col 3:18-4:6
   1 Holiness in Family Life Col 3:18-21
   2 Holiness in Work Life Col 3:22-4:1
   3 Holiness in Public Life Col 4:2-6

III Conclusion Col 4:7-18
A Commendation of Tychicus Col 4:7-9
B Greetings from Paul’s Friends Col 4:10-14
C Introduction Regarding This Letter Col 4:15-18

Sidlow Baxter's Outline

THE EPISTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS CHRIST THE FULNESS OF GOD TO US
Introductory thanksgiving (Col 1:1-8)

Opening prayer for "fulness" and "worthy walk" (Col 1:9-14) -

I. DOCTRINAL - "THAT YE MAY BE FILLED" (Col 1-2).

1. Christ the fulness of God in the creation (Col 1:15-18)
2. Christ the fulness of God in redemption (Col 1:19-23)
3. Christ the fulness of God in the Church (Col 1:24-2:7)
4. Christ the fulness of God versus heresy (Col 2:8-23)

2. PRACTICAL - "THAT YE WALK WORTHILY" (Col 3-4)

1. The new life - and believers individually (Col 3:1-11)
2. The new life-and believers reciprocally (Col 3:12-17)
3. The new life-and domestic relationships (Col 3:18-21)
4. The new life - and employment obligations (Col 3:22-4:1)
5. The new life - and "them that are without" (Col 4:1-6)

Personal addenda (Col 4:7-18)

It will scarcely need more than stating that the core of this Colossian letter is its doctrine of the pleroma or "fulness." There are two sides to this: he Divine and the human. The two great truths which the Colossians (and ourselves) were meant to learn are: (1) all the fulness of God is in Christ; (2) all the fulness of Christ is for us.

Notice the three tenses of the believer's union with Christ, in the opening paragraph of this third chapter:

- Past tense - "If ye then were raised with Christ."
- Present tense - "Your life is hid with Christ in God."
- Future tense - "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory."

Going with these three tenses are two admonitions: "Seek those things which are above"; "set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." Oh, that increasingly we may become heavenly-minded, not in any dreamy, merely mystical sense, but in the sense of prayerful, practical Christlike godliness - until we "appear with Him in glory"

A M HODGKIN Colossians -- Christ our Head

The real dangers which threatened the Church at Colosse-- the deceitful philosophy of the Gnostics which set God on one side, [and gave itself to] worship of angels, legalism, forced asceticism-- called forth this marvellous description of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians dwells on the Church, the body; Colossians on Christ the
Henrietta Mears - The Church’s position “in Christ”:

- United in Christ—Colossians 2:2
- Complete in Christ—Colossians 2:10
- Dead in Christ—Colossians 2:20
- Buried with Christ—Romans 6:4
- Risen with Christ—Colossians 3:1

This epistle tells us that Christ is our life and we are complete in Him (see Colossians 2:10).

The Christian life is not a creed or a system of teachable laws or a certain kind of worship but a life that is Christ’s very own within you. Christ is all in all:

- In His deity—“the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15)
- In creation—sovereign Creator of the universe (Colossians 1:15-16)
- In preeminence—before all things (Colossians 1:18)
- In redemption—reconciling the universe through His blood (Colossians 1:20-22)
- In headship—over all principalities and powers (Colossians 1:18; 2:14)
- In His Church—“the head of the body” (Colossians 1:18; see also 2:19)
- In His indwelling presence—the Christian’s hope (Colossians 1:27)

Colossians presents the glorious culmination of it all: “And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power” (Colossians 2:10). We are “complete in him”
(Colossians 2:10). We are “rooted and built up in him” (Colossians 2:7); we are in effect grounded and settled. We discover the facts of this building process in the four chapters of this book:

- Building “downward”—rooted in Jesus, “grounded and settled” (Colossians 1:23). The deeper life is rooted in eternity. It begins in Him who was in the beginning with God. God gives eternal life.
- Building “upward”—“built up in him” (Colossians 2:7). The higher life is the life Jesus is living for us at the right hand of God, and living in us, for “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me” (Galatians 2:20).
- Building “inward”—“hid with Christ” (Colossians 3:3). The inner life is all the life we have as Christians. It is the life “hid with Christ” in God. It is life real and sufficient, for we are “complete in him” (Colossians 3:3; 2:10).
- Building “outward”—“walk in wisdom toward them that are without” (Colossians 4:5). The outer life is that expression of life that makes Christ known to others. As Emerson is known to have said: “What you do speaks so loudly that I [people] cannot hear what you say.”

Christ’s Sufficiency - All the life we have as Christians—the real and satisfying eternal life—is the life “in Him”:

- Walking in Him—Colossians 2:6
- Rooted in Him—Colossians 2:7
- Built up in Him—Colossians 2:7
- Brought to perfection in Him—Colossians 2:10
- Dead with Him—Colossians 2:20
- Risen with Him—Colossians 3:1
- Hidden with Him—Colossians 3:3

The Brown family lived in a house that was an eyesore in the neighborhood. Weeds grew over the porch; the shades were always torn; the curtains were sagging and soiled. One day when we passed the house, we saw the grass cut, fresh white curtains hanging at the windows, and the broken steps mended. “When did the Browns move?” we asked. “Why, they haven’t moved,” answered our neighbor. “Oh yes, they have. The Browns don’t live in that house anymore. A new family has moved in. We haven’t seen the people yet, but we know by the house’s appearance that a new owner is living there.” Yes, our outward life will be different. Others will see Christ living in us.

Illustration of Colossians 3:1-2 - the submarine is made to travel under the water, but every submarine is equipped with a periscope by which it seeks those things that are above. It travels in the water, but the well-being of those in it depends on a knowledge of what is above.

BACKGROUND NOTES (excerpt from Paul Apple)
Hendriksen: “The rapid progress of the gospel in the early days has ever been the amazement of the historian. Justin Martyr, about the middle of the second century, wrote, ‘There is no people, Greek or barbarian, or of any other race, by whatever appellation or manners they may be distinguished, however ignorant of arts or agriculture, whether they dwell in tents or wander about in covered wagons, among whom prayers and thanksgivings are not offered in the name of the crucified Jesus to the Father and Creator of all things.’ Half a century later Tertullian adds, ‘We are but of yesterday, and yet we already fill your cities, islands, camps, your palace, senate, and forum. We have left you only your temples.’ R. H. Glover (The Progress of WorldWide Missions, p. 39) states, ‘On the basis of all the data available it has been estimated that by the close of the Apostolic Period the total number of Christian disciples had reached half a million.’”

Kent: Re Background: “To those who were impressed by ritual, it offered the rites and ceremonies of Moses. To the mystically inclined it advocated angel worship. And to the philosophically minded, there was the religious appeal of asceticism, which suggests spirituality to many.”

- one of the 4 prison (captivity) epistles: Ephesians, Philippians, Philemon delivered by Tychicus
- companion epistle to Philemon; The church at Colosse apparently met in the house of Philemon, the owner of Onesimus
- church apparently founded by Epaphras bears a close relationship in content to Ephesians

Warren Wiersbe:

“The message of this letter is greatly needed today. I hear too many voices telling me that I need something more than Jesus Christ—some exciting experience, some new doctrine, some addition to my Christian experience. But Paul affirms that what I need is appropriation of what I already have in Christ. ‘And ye are complete in Him.’ I also hear voices that want to judge me and rob me of the glorious liberty I have in Christ. How encouraging to hear Paul say: ‘Let no man beguile you, let no man spoil you, let no man judge you.’ The fullness of Christ is all that I need, and all man-made regulations and disciplines cannot replace the riches I have in God’s Son.”

“Paul was at that time a prisoner in Rome (Acts 21:17 – 28:31). He met a runaway slave named Onesimus, who belonged to Philemon, one of the leaders of the church in Colossae. Paul led Onesimus to Christ. He then wrote his letter to Philemon, asking his friend to forgive Onesimus and receive him back as a brother in Christ. About the same time, Epaphras showed up in Rome because he needed Paul’s help. Some new doctrines were being taught in Colossae and were invading the church and creating problems. So Paul wrote this letter to the
Colossians in order to refute these heretical teachings and establish the truth of the Gospel.”

“Do we have any of this heresy today? Yes, we do; and it is just as deceptive and dangerous! When we make Jesus Christ and the Christian revelation only part of a total religious system or philosophy, we cease to give Him the preeminence. When we strive for ‘spiritual perfection’ or ‘spiritual fullness’ by means of formulas, disciplines, or rituals, we go backward instead of forward. Christian believers must beware of mixing their Christian faith with such alluring things as yoga, transcendental meditation, Oriental mysticism, and the like. We must also beware of ‘deeper life’ teachers who offer a system for victory and fullness that bypasses devotion to Jesus Christ. In all things, He must have the preeminence!”

**DICTIONARIES**

- **Colossians, Theology of** - Baker's Evangelical Dictionary (Darrell Bock)
- Holman Bible Dictionary **Colossians**
- Kitto Biblical Cyclopedia **Colossians epistle to the**
- American Tract Society **Colossians, Epistle to the**
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**Colossians** -- Do you feel incomplete? Do you fear being deceived...or do you know that what you believe is biblical? The study of Colossians will enlighten and encourage you in your Christian walk. **13 weeks, 12 lessons**

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**COLOSSIANS COMMENTARY**

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Bruce Hurt, MD

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Read his fascinating brief biography - Henry Alford and Phil Johnson's related comments

James Rosscup writes that Alford's series on the New Testament "contains much that is valuable in the Greek New Testament... though all of the Greek New Testament words have been changed to English throughout." (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works)

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (see his comments in following entry on Alford).
Editorial Note: If you are not proficient in Greek, you will find this work considerably more useful than the following work by Alford, because in this volume he translates the Greek and Latin into English. While the "The Greek New Testament" is longer (e.g., English version of 1John = 66 pages compared to Greek version = 94 pages in part because the latter includes comments of more technical nature), the substance of the commentary is otherwise similar to that found in the "NT for English Readers".

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James Rosscup writes that "This was the great work in the life of the versatile Dean of Canterbury. An outcome of this production was the New Testament for English Readers (4 vols.). Alford was a Calvinist, conservative and premillennial, though not dispensational. He takes a literal interpretation of the thousand years in Rev. 20 and has a famous quote there, is strong on sovereign election as in Ro 8:29, 30 and 1Pe 1:2, but, unfortunately, holds to baptismal regeneration in such texts as Titus 3:5 and John 3:5. He shows a great knowledge of the Greek text and faces problems of both a doctrinal and textual nature." (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works or Logos)

John Piper writes ""When I’m stumped with a... grammatical or syntactical or logical [question] in Paul, I go to Henry Alford. Henry Alford... comes closer more consistently than any other human commentator to asking my kinds of questions."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon writes that this text "is an invaluable aid to the critical study of the text of the New Testament. You will find in it the ripened results of a matured scholarship, the harvesting of a judgment, generally highly impartial, always worthy of respect, which has gleaned from the most important fields of Biblical research, both modern and ancient, at home and abroad. You will not look here for any spirituality of thought or tenderness of feeling; you will find the learned Dean does not forget to do full justice to his own views, and is quite able to express himself vigorously against his opponents; but for what it professes to be, it is an exceedingly able and successful work. The later issues are by far the most desirable, as the author has considerably revised the work in the fourth edition. What I have said of his Greek Testament applies equally to..."
Alford’s New Testament for English Readers,* which is also a standard work." (Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle)

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PAUL APPLE
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- Colossians Commentary - 139 pages - includes outlines, questions, devotional thoughts, quotes for reflection. Below are some examples from notes on chapter 1...

DEVOTIONAL QUESTIONS: (related to Colossians 1)

1) To what extent is my life characterized by Faith, Love and Hope? Where have I seen growth recently in any of these areas? How is the gospel continuing to bear fruit in my life today?

2) What can we learn from the life of Epaphras to make us more effective servants of the Lord?

3) Am I consumed with a desire to know the will of God in all spiritual wisdom and understanding in order that I might practice it? How do I pray for and encourage others to this end?

4) Is God’s power showing itself in my life in terms of patience towards external circumstances that I cannot change and longsuffering towards difficult people whom I cannot change?

QUOTES FOR REFLECTION:

Kent: “Paul’s appointment to his apostleship had come about by God’s intention. It was not the result of personal ambition, a fine education, parental guidance, or encouragement from friends. Rather, it occurred by the will of God who had planned it from beginning to end (Gal. 1:1, 15).”

Kent: “Of special interest is the slightly different form of the word for ‘bearing fruit’ in 1:6 (a middle voice of the participle), compared to its use in 1:10 (an active voice). In 1:6 the term is used of the gospel which ‘bears fruit of itself,’ that is, out of its own inherent energy ... In 1:10, however, the word describes believers, who do not bear fruit of
themselves but by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus a form of the word is used which does not suggest ‘of itself’ or ‘of themselves.’”

**Kent:** “This strengthening, however, is not for the purpose of enabling believers to work great miracles or perform stupendous feats before a skeptical world. It is rather for the production of spiritual fruit, particularly under trying circumstances. The display of patience (endurance under trial) and longsuffering (non-retaliation), coupled with joy, is not always easy to demonstrate. But when the believer is confronted with adversity, whether from harsh circumstances or hostile persons, and can respond as Paul here describes, it is good evidence that he has learned something of the will of God, and has drawn upon the resources of the Holy Spirit.”

**Wiersbe:** “The word filled is a key word in Colossians. It was also a key word in the teachings of the false teachers who had invaded the Colossian church. Paul used it many times. (See Col. 1:19, 25; 2:2, 9-10; 4:12, 17 [Complete = ‘filled full’]). The word carries the idea of being fully equipped. It was used to describe a ship that was ready for a voyage. The believer has in Christ all that he needs for the voyage of life. ‘And you are complete in Him’ (Col. 2:10). ‘And of His fullness have all we received’ (John 1:16).”...(Re Patience) “Too many Christians have a tendency to quit when circumstances become difficult. The saintly Dr. V. Raymond Edman, late president of Wheaton College (Illinois), used to remind the students, ‘It is always too soon to quit.’ I have often thought of that statement when I find myself in the midst of trying circumstances. It is not talent or training that guarantees victory: it is perseverance. ‘By perseverance the snail reached the ark,’ said Charles Spurgeon.”

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**James Rosscup**: This is a lucid and well-organized exposition of the epistles with many helpful lists on different facets of truth John can have in mind at different points as on “light” and “darkness” in *I John 1:5*. There is stimulating background material and warm application. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works).

**Comment**: I appreciate Barclay's unique insights on Greek words, but clearly his teaching about a "second chance" is NOT sound doctrine! Be an Acts 17:11 Berean with Barclay. See discussion of his orthodoxy especially the article "The Enigmatic William Barclay".

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Spurgeon writes that this is "Very full and reliable. A work of utmost value." (Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle)
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- Colossians 1:24-29 Paul, the Church and the Mystery
- Colossians 2:1-5 Paul, the Church and the Mystery, part 2
- Colossians 2:6-10 Christ, Philosophy and the Fullness of Deity
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- Colossians 4:7-18 Paul's Last Word to the Colossians

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James Rosscup comments that this collection is "One of the most contributive discussions of Colossians verse by verse, with help on difficulties and evaluation of different interpretations, written by a former professor at Dallas Seminary who is outstanding as an exegete, expositor, and theologian." (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works)

The Links below are to Dr Johnson's 12 part series on the epistle of Colossians in Bibliotheca Sacra - only the first page of the article is viewable at no charge but note that the annual fee ($50 or $5 monthly - this would give plenty of time to read Johnson's articles) gives access to more than 27 journals - 500 yrs of articles searchable by topic, author or verse see Theological Journal Subscription info

- Introduction to Colossians - City, Origin of Colossian Church, Author, Place & Date, Occasion, Theology, Plan
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Exegetical & Devotional Study Colossians 1:1 - 2:3

This study is incomplete. Hampton Keathley III went to be with the Lord before it was completed.
Paraphrase of Colossians and Commentary of Colossians

James Rosscup writes that "Lightfoot is excellent in this 1865 work revised in 1879. His work on Colossians 1:15 ("first-born of every creature") is especially helpful on a problem text. Many regard the commentary as the best older work on the Greek text." (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works)

D Edmond Hiebert - Greek text. A definitive commentary by a noted conservative British scholar of the past century. Much valuable material in the lengthy introductions and the appended dissertation on the Essenes which now needs updating.

Spurgeon writes that Lightfoot is "Deservedly regarded as a standard work. The more instructed student will appreciate it." (Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle)

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The Churches of the Lycus
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Character and Content of the Epistle
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- Colossians 1:9 Being Filled with the Knowledge of God's Will
- Colossians 1:9-11 The Fruit of Knowledge
- Colossians 1:12-14 What Makes Christians Most Thankful
- Colossians 1:12-14 Giving Thanks for God's Deliverance
- Colossians 1:15-19 Christ Above All
- Colossians 1:15-19 The Image of the Invisible God
- Colossians 1:15-20 The Child Who Was God
- Colossians 1:20-23 Reconciled to God
- Colossians 1:23-29 Paul's Servant Ministry
- Colossians 1:24-25 Paul's Ministry-- To Fulfill the Word of God
- Colossians 1:24-29 Ministers: Servants of God
- Colossians 1:24-2:23 Complete in Christ Study Guide - For topics below see dropdown

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Colossians 2: Jesus Plus Nothing Equals Everything
Colossians 2:1-2: Strengthen Your Heart
Colossians 2:2-7: Paul's Burden for the Church
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- Colossians 3:15-17 The Practical Effects of the Peace of Christ, The Word of Christ...
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Evangelical Theological Society
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J. P. T. Hunt, "Colossians 2:11-12, the Circumcision / Baptism Analogy, and Infant Baptism," Tyndale Bulletin
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William L. Lane, "Creed and theology: reflections on Colossians," JETS
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Lightfoot, John Barber. Colossians and Philemon. Crossway Classic Commentaries. Edited by A. McGrath and J. I. Packer. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1997. This classic commentary has been simplified for those who lack a knowledge of the original text. Now none need feel that what this great NT scholar wrote is beyond their reach.


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Colosse had been a significant city in the past, but had deteriorated in importance by New Testament times. Nearby cities such as Hierapolis and Laodicea (Colossians 4:13), especially the latter, had become more significant, though all three had churches planted in them, probably about the time of Paul's stay in Ephesus. According to the record, Paul himself never visited any of them (though he may have traveled through Laodicea on his way to or from Ephesus (as an important trade highway existed there). It seems probable that Epaphras, one of Paul's disciples, may have founded these churches while Paul was staying in Ephesus (Acts 19:10; Colossians 1:7; 4:12-13).

The epistle to the Colossians was apparently written at the same time as that to Philemon, both being carried by Tychicus from Rome in connection with the return of Philemon's runaway slave, Onesimus (see Colossians 4:7-9, 17; Philemon 2, 10). As noted in the Introduction to Ephesians, it is very likely that Tychicus also brought Paul's letter to the Ephesians on this trip. Paul was in house arrest at Rome (Acts 28:30) when all three of these epistles were written.

In many respects, Colossians is similar to Ephesians in content and emphasis, although Ephesians is longer and more fully developed in both its doctrinal and practical aspects. However, Colossians seems to have been written primarily to correct an incipient heresy that seemed to be developing in the church at Colosse and possibly spreading to other churches. This heresy was a tendency to compromise with the pagan pantheistic evolutionism of the Greek philosophers, possibly with an admixture of Judaizing legalism.

Many varieties of evolutionary philosophy thrived in the Graeco/Roman world of the day (Epicureanism, Stoicism, Gnosticism, etc.), but the essential basis of all of them was denial of the true transcendent Creator God of the universe. Hence in the Colossian epistle Paul was led to formulate the greatest Christological passage in the entire Bible (Colossians 1:16-20), setting forth Jesus Christ as Creator, Sustainer and Reconciler of all things in heaven and earth. He then went on to insist that all wisdom and knowledge were centered in Christ (Colossians 2:3) and to warn against all human philosophy (Colossians 2:8).

As far as the authenticity of Colossians is concerned, practically no one, ancient or modern, has questioned its Pauline authorship. Paul identifies himself as author (Colossians 1:1; 4:18) in both the opening and closing
verses. Even though he had never visited either the Colossian or Laodicean churches in person (Colossians 2:1), he knew many of the members, as well as those of his own followers who had visited there (e.g., Aristarchus, Epaphras, Luke, Demas). The mention of so many people by name in Colossians 4:7-17 helps still further to confirm the authenticity of Colossians.

The book of Colossians is relatively brief, with only four chapters, but it is very important, with its uniquely powerful and vital presentation of the person and work of Jesus Christ—a message probably more urgently needed in our day than even in Paul's day.

- Colossians 1:2 Colosse
- Colossians 1:5 hope truth of the gospel
- Colossians 1:6 all the world
- Colossians 1:7 Epaphras
- Colossians 1:9 filled knowledge his will
- Colossians 1:10 walk worthy
- Colossians 1:13 power of darkness
- Colossians 1:14 through his blood
- Colossians 1:15 image firstborn
- Colossians 1:16 all things created powers for him
- Colossians 1:17 before all things consist
- Colossians 1:20 made peace reconcile all things
- Colossians 1:23 the gospel every creature
- Colossians 1:25 dispensation
- Colossians 1:26 mystery See Eph 3:3-11
- Colossians 1:27 Christ in you
- Colossians 2:3 In whom wisdom knowledge
- Colossians 2:6 As ye have so walk
- Colossians 2:7 Rooted
- Colossians 2:8 spoil philosophy
- Colossians 2:9 Godhead
- Colossians 2:10 complete in him
- Colossians 2:11 without hands
- Colossians 2:12 baptism
- Colossians 2:13 together
- Colossians 2:14 handwriting of ordinances
- Colossians 2:15 principalities and powers
- Colossians 2:16 judge you
- Colossians 2:19 the Head
- Colossians 3:1 If right hand
- Colossians 3:4 in glory
- Colossians 3:5 Mortify concupiscence idolatry
- Colossians 3:6 children of disobedience
Colossians 3:10 new man image him
Colossians 3:11 neither Greek nor Jew Scythian
Colossians 3:15 peace of God - see Php 4:7
Colossians 3:16 word of Christ admonishing one another psalms hymns spiritual songs
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Colossians 3:23 heartily
Colossians 3:24 the Lord Christ
Colossians 4:1 Master
Colossians 4:3 open unto us a door
Colossians 4:5 redeeming the time. See Eph 5:16.
Colossians 4:6 speech with grace answer
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Colossians 4:9 Onesimus
Colossians 4:10 Aristarchus Marcus
Colossians 4:12 Epaphras always labouring fervently
Colossians 4:14 physician Demas
Colossians 4:16 epistle from Laodicea

ROBERT RAYBURN

- Colossians 1:1-2 Paul
- Colossians 1:21-23 If You Continue...
- Colossians 1:1-14 A Thankful, Generous Heart
- Colossians 1:15-20 The Preeminence of Jesus Christ
- Colossians 1:24-2:5 Suffering for Christ’s Sake
- Colossians 2:6-12 Walking With Christ
- Colossians 2:13-15 Colossians No. 7
- Colossians 2:16-23 Colossians No. 8
- Colossians 3:1-4 Colossians No. 9
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- Colossians 3:15-17 Colossians No. 11
- Colossians 3:18-19 Colossians No. 12
- Colossians 3:20-21 Colossians No. 13
- Colossians 3:22-4:1 Colossians No. 14
- Colossians 4:2-6 Colossians No. 15
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DON ROBINSON

- Speaking with Grace (Colossians 4:6)
- Having Clear Guidance (Colossians 4:12)
- Serving Faithfully (Colossians 1:24 - 2:3)
- Thanksgiving (Colossians 1:9-12)
RAYMOND SAXE - Sermons, Fellowship Bible Church

- Philippians 1:9 (doc, pdf)
- Philippians 1:18 (doc, pdf)
- Philippians 1:21-22 (doc, pdf)
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- Philippians 1:25-27 (doc, pdf)
- Philippians 1:28-29 (doc, pdf)
- Philippians 2:1-2 (doc, pdf)
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RAYMOND SAXE - PHILIPPIANS SERMON NOTES FROM 1980s

- Philippians 1:1-5 (pdf)
Charl Simeon

- Colossians Sermons - Click for Index

Tim Schoap

- Complete in Christ - 48 page study
- The Spiritual Life - This study series (consisting of 13 lessons), "The Spiritual Life" is a study of the spiritual principles which govern true Christian character and service. We will emphasize the sufficiency of the divine resources and the heart conditions necessary for holy living and spiritual power in ministry. The overall objective is that each of us may respond to God's heart and purpose for spiritual men and women.

Phillip Schaff

- Introduction
- Colossians 1 Commentary
- Colossians 2 Commentary
- Colossians 3 Commentary
- Colossians 4 Commentary

Sermons By Verse - 100's of older expositions (Spurgeon, Maclaren, etc).
Colossians 1:1-2  To the Saints in Colossae
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Colossians 1:5b-8  The Fruit of the Gospel
Colossians 1:9-10  Proper Christian Growth
Colossians 1:11-12  A Life of Gratitude
Colossians 1:13-14  From Darkness to Light
Colossians 1:16-17  The Great Sustainer
Colossians 1:19-20  Cosmic Reconciliation
Colossians 1:19–20  Jesus, The Perfect Savior
Colossians 1:21-22  The Goal of Reconciliation
Colossians 1:23  Persevering in Gospel Hope
Colossians 1:24  Filling Up Christ’s Afflictions
Colossians 1:25-26  A Mystery Now Revealed
Colossians 1:27  The Riches of God’s Mystery
Colossians 2:8–15  Circumcision and Baptism
Colossians 2:11-12  Dead and Buried with Christ
Colossians 2:11–13  The Severe Judgment of God
Colossians 2:11–13  The Severe Judgment of God
Colossians 2:16–17  Shadows Versus Substance
Colossians 2:23  Appearances Can Be Deceiving
Colossians 3:1-2  Where to Set Our Minds
Colossians 3:1-4  Raised Up to New Life
Colossians 3:3-4  Our Hiddenness in God
Colossians 3:5-6  Putting Sin to Death
Colossians 3:7-8  Life Before Christ
Colossians 3:9-10  Putting Off and Putting On
Colossians 3:9-11  A New Humanity in Christ
Colossians 3:11  A New Humanity
Colossians 3:12-13  Faith and the Means of Grace
Colossians 3:12–14  The Duty of Forgiveness
Colossians 3:14-15  The Love and Peace of Christ
Colossians 3:16  The Handmaiden of Theology
Colossians 3:16  Theology’s Handmaiden
Colossians 3:16-17  Christ’s Word and the Believer
Colossians 3:18-21  Husbands, Wives, and Children
Colossians 3:22-24  Our True Master
Colossians 3:25  No Favored Parties
**How do I apply this?** - Your view of Jesus Christ will impact every area of your life. Many today want only practical instruction and helps for living, eschewing “esoteric” topics such as doctrine and theology because they seem to be out of touch with their day-to-day reality. Paul’s view was different. He saw that the christological problems in the Colossian church had practical importance as well. Believers have died with Christ; therefore, we need to die to our sins. We have also been raised with Christ; therefore, we must live well in Him and put on qualities that are motivated by Christian love. And because He is Lord over all, the life of the Christian is a life of submission to Jesus. Are you following after Jesus as you should? Our faith in Jesus Christ should transform the relationships we have in every area of our lives—in our homes, our churches, and our world.
PAUL TAYLOR - Pennisula Bible Church

- Colossians 1:1-8 Waiting in Hope for Christ
- Colossians 1:9-14 Waiting in Joy for Christ
- Colossians 1:15-23 Waiting in Peace for Christ
- Colossians 1:24-29, Colossians 2:1-5 Waiting in Love for Christ
- Colossians 2:1-15 How the Cross Decodes the World Nolan Sharp
- Colossians 2:6-7 Taking a Walk with the Creator of the Universe
- Colossians 2:8-15 Filling Up in Christ
- Colossians 2:16-23, Colossians 3:1-4 Living in Another World
- Colossians 3:5-11 Rejecting the World of Lies
- Colossians 3:12-17 Embracing the World of Truth
- Colossians 3:18-25, Colossians 4:1 Bringing Christ Home
- Colossians 4:2-6 Walking in Christ to the World
- Colossians 4:7-18 Finding Your Story in Christ

TIM TEMPLE

- Introduction
- Colossians 1:1-14 Christ and the Colossians
- Colossians 1:9-14 The Prayer for the Colossians
- Colossians 1:15-19 Christ as Creator
- Colossians 1:20-29 The Ground of Confidence
- Colossians 1:23-29 Christ, Our Confidence
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- Colossians 3:22-4:1 Ministry of Subservience
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VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH - Outline - Links below are to the sermon notes

A. Doctrinal: Thinking Rightly (Colossians 1:1-2:23)

1. Grounding the church in truth (Colossians 1:1-1:29)
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   b. The person of Christ (Colossians 1:13-18)
   c. The work of Christ (Colossians 1:19-23)
   d. The church of Christ (Colossians 1:24-29)
2. Guarding the church from error (Colossians 2:1-2:23)
   a. Let no one delude you (Colossians 2:1-7)
   b. Let no one deceive you (Colossians 2:8-15)
   c. Let no one defraud you (Colossians 2:16-23)

B. Practical: Living Rightly (Colossians 3:1-4:18)

1. Growing the church in our relationship with God (Colossians 3:1-3:17)
   a. Pursuing God with our heart and mind (Colossians 3:1-4)
   b. Pursing God with our will
      1) What we should put aside (Colossians 3:5-11)
      2) What we should put on (Colossians 3:12-17)

2. Guiding the church in our relationship with others (Colossians 3:18-4:18)
   a. Pursuing God in our family (Colossians 3:18-21)
   b. Pursuing God in our work (Colossians 3:22-4:1)
   c. Pursuing God in our world (Colossians 4:2-6)
   d. Pursuing God in our church (Colossians 4:7-18)

STEVE ZEISLER - Peninsula Bible Church

- Colossians 1:1-8 Good News
- Colossians 1:9-14 Life's Essentials
- Colossians 1:15-23 How Great Thou Art
- Colossians 1:24-29, Colossians 2:1-5 The Great Secret
- Colossians 2:6-23 Freedom Versus Falsehood
- Colossians 3:1-17 My Heart, Christ's Home
- Colossians 3:18-25, Colossians 4:1 Master Of The Home
- Colossians 4:2-18 The Life Bearers

COMMENTARIES
COLOSSIANS

PAUL APPLE

- Colossians Commentary - 139 page Pdf

JOHANN A BENGELE
JOSEPH BENSON

Spurgeon - Adopted by the Wesleyan Conference as a standard work, and characterized by that body as marked by “solid learning, soundness of theological opinion, and an edifying attention to experimental and practical religion. Necessary to Methodist Students.

BOOKWURM - brief notes

KARL BRAUNE

BRIDGEWAY

WILLIAM BURKITT
CAMBRIDGE BIBLE FOR SCHOOLS - H. C. G. Moule (1891)

D Edmond Hiebert - A concise, lucid treatment of these epistles by a conservative Anglican scholar of the past generation. Includes several valuable appendixes.

CAMBRIDGE GREEK TESTAMENT - C F D Moule


VINCENT CHEUNG

James Rosscup - This old, conservative Wesleyan Methodist work is good devotionally and aggressive for righteous living. Laypeople can find it still valuable today. It is Arminian in viewpoint and thus helpful, for example, in showing the reader how this approach deals with texts involving the eternal security question. The work contains much background material from many sources on all books of the Bible.

ADAM CLARKE

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JOHN NELSON DARBY

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MARK DUNAGAN

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JOHN EADIE

- Commentary on Colossians

EASY ENGLISH

- Colossians: Christ has Everything that you Need

EXPOSITORY DICTIONARY OF TEXTS

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A C GAEBELEIN

James Rosscup - This dispensationally oriented work is not verse-by-verse, but deals with the exposition on a broader scale, treating blocks of thought within the chapters. Cf. also Arno C. Gaebelein, Gaebelein’s Concise Commentary on the Whole Bible (1 Volume, Neptune, NJ:
Loizeaux, 1985), the Annotated Bible revised. The author was a popular evangelical Bible teacher of the first part of the century, much like H. A. Ironside in his diligent but broad, practical expositions of Bible books. Gaebeliein was premillennial and dispensational, and editor for many years of Our Hope Magazine.

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**JOHN GILL**

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**ROBERT HAWKER**

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- **Colossians 4 Commentary**
Spurgeon - A Christian man wishing for the cream of expository writers could not make a better purchase. Ministers, as a rule, should not buy condensations, but get the works themselves.

James Ross - This evangelical work, devotional in character, has been in constant demand for about 280 years. Its insight into human problems is great, but it often does not deal adequately with problems in the text. The one-volume form eliminates the Biblical text and is thus less bulky. It has sold very well. The late Wilbur M. Smith, internationally noted Bible teacher, seminary professor and lover of books, tabbed this “The greatest devotional commentary ever written”. Henry was born in a Welch farmhouse, studied law, and became a Presbyterian minister near London. He wrote this commentary in the last 13 years before he died at 52 in 1714. The first of six volumes was published in 1708. He completed through Acts, and the rest of the New Testament was done by 14 clergymen.
Published 1871 - Probably best older commentary on prophetic passages as it tends to interpret more literally.

**James Rosscup** - This is a helpful old set of 1863 for laypeople and pastors to have because it usually comments at least to some degree on problems. Though terse, it provides something good on almost any passage, phrase by phrase and is to some degree critical in nature. It is evangelical....Especially in its multi-volume form this is one of the old evangelical works that offers fairly solid though brief help on many verses. Spurgeon said, “It contains so great a variety of information that if a man had no other exposition he would find himself at no great loss if he possessed this and used it diligently” (Commenting and Commentaries, p. 3). Things have changed greatly since this assessment! It is primarily of help to pastors and lay people looking for quick, though usually somewhat knowledgeable treatments on verses.

**Spurgeon** - A really standard work. We consult it continually, and with growing interest. Mr. Fausset’s portion strikes us as being of the highest order.

**John Cereghin** - A conservative exposition. He defends Petrine authorship (xlixff); argues for the deity of Christ (619); holds that assurance in Scripture is doubly sure (622); identifies the elements as “the world’s component materials” (627); holds that Paul’s Epistles were already known as “Scripture” (628).
James Rosscup - The treatments of books within this evangelical set vary in importance. Generally, one finds a wealth of detailed commentary, background, and some critical and exegetical notes. Often, however, there is much excess verbiage that does not help particularly. On the other hand, it usually has something to assist the expositor on problems and is a good general set for pastors and serious lay people though it is old.
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GRANT RICHISON

Colossians Commentary - 151 pages - Same resource as verse by verse notes on "Today's Word" (below) but all on one file in this Pdf resource.

JOHNNY SANDERS

Colossians Commentary - "The Lordship of Christ" - verse by verse
Same Resource in Pdf - 92 Pages
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- Colossians 1 Commentary
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SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY CHURCH

- The Supremacy of Christ - Studies in Colossians - 76 pages of short notes on verses and paragraphs with helpful questions to cause you to ponder and apply

JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE

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COLOSSIANS 1

- Colossians 1 Resources - Multiple Sermons and Commentaries

ROBERT MORGAN

- Colossians 1:1-8 What's So Special About our Gospel?
- Colossians 1:15-17 In the Manger
- Colossians 1:15-18 Just Tell Us About Jesus

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- Colossians 1:1
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JOSEPH PARKER

- Colossians 1 Handfuls of Purpose (Comments on multiple verses in Colossians 1)

G CAMPBELL MORGAN

- Colossians 1:20: Cross: Peace By The Cross

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F F BRUCE

- Colossian Problem: Pt. 1: Jews and Christians in the Lycus Valley
- Colossian Problem: Pt. 2: The 'Christ Hymn' of Colossians 1:15-20
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- The Epistle to the Colossians: An Expanded Paraphrase

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- Colossians 1:6
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CHARLES BONNER

- Colossians 1:9-12 The Christian's Greatest Need

LIFE AND LAND SEMINARS

- Colossians 1:7, 4:2 Epaphras- A Man of Fervent Prayer

ALAN CARR

- Colossians 1:9-17 Living Above The Snake Line
Some people associate the giving of thanks with turkey! That's because they eat turkey on America's Thanksgiving Day. Actually turkey is not necessary for us to be thankful. We don't have to wait until Thanksgiving Day to give thanks. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

If you are a Christian, our text gives you three reasons for being thankful.

WE HAVE A RESIDENCE - Vs. 12
We have an inheritance with the saints in light.

WE HAVE BEEN RELEASED - Vs. 13
We have been released from Satan's kingdom and have been translated into the kingdom of Christ.

WE HAVE BEEN REDEEMED - Vs. 14
We have been redeemed by the blood of the lamb.

Our sins have been forgiven.
‘Enough of solid truth and brilliant utterance will be found here to justify this father’s title of ‘Golden Mouth’; but still all is not gold which fell from his lips, and to modern readers Chrysostom is not so instructive as he was to his own age [A.D. 349-407].’ – Spurgeon
This is a strange saying of Paul's in our reading to-day - that he must fill up on his part the afflictions of Christ. Was Christ's sacrifice insufficient for the redemption of the world? Was His work incomplete? Do others have to suffer also to fill up a lack in His atonement? No; on His cross He said, "It is finished." He paid the whole price. What Paul meant was that while Christ had made a full and glorious redemption, His followers must enter into His experiences in order to present the benefits of His redemption. We can make men believe in the love of Christ only by loving as He loved. We can show them the cross truly only in our own lives. Christ gave Himself once to redeem the world; now we, His followers, must give ourselves to make His redemption real to the world. When we ask Christ to have compassion on men, His answer is: "I have had compassion - My part is finished. Now do you have compassion and reach and save men?"
ANDREW C. PERRIMAN

- Colossians 1:24 ,The Pattern of Christ's Sufferings: Colossians 1:24 and Philippians 3:10-11

DOUG GOINS - Pennisula Bible Church

- Colossians 1:24-29 Christ In You, The Hope Of Glory

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- Colossians 1:28-29 We Proclaim Him
- Colossians 1:28-29 We Preach Christ

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Colossians 2 The Second Chapter of Colossians

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- Colossians 2:3
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- Colossians 2:6
- Colossians 2:7
- Colossians 2:8

RAY PRITCHARD

- Colossians 2:1 One Little Word Shall Fell Him: What the Cross Meant to Satan

JOSEPH PARKER

- Colossians 2:1-9 Christ in Christians
- Colossians 2:2 United in Love

BOB DEWAAY

- Colossians 2 Heresy Pt 1 - The Stoicheia of Colossians 2:8, 20, Entering a Higher Spiritual Experience, Three Warnings about Spiritual Elitism
- Colossians 2 Heresy Pt 2 - Colossians 2:8-10; The New Spiritual Elite; Spiritual Hierarchy; Legalists and Ascetics; Beware of "Secrets"; Spiritual Warfare Teachings
- Colossians 2 Heresy Pt 3 - The Colossian Heresy- Taught from “Heaven”; Elitism; Superior Humility; Judgment Before the Time

F B MEYER

- Colossians 2:6 Devotional

J C PHILPOT

- Colossians 2:6-7 Christ Jesus the Lord Received and Walked In

JAMES BOURNE

- Colossians 2:6 Receiving and Walking
OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

- Colossians 2:6-7 Devotional (December 5)

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- Colossians 2:9
- Colossians 2:10
- Colossians 2:11

RAY PRITCHARD

- Colossians 2:9 A Man Called Jesus

JAMES HASTINGS

- Colossians 2:9-10 Complete in Christ

JOSEPH PARKER

- Colossians 2:10-19 The Science of Christian Education

G R BEASLEY-MURRAY

- The Second Chapter of Colossians (article in Review & Expositor, 1973)

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

- Colossians 2:10 Devotional (April 29)

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- Colossians 2:12
- Colossians 2:13
- Colossians 2:14
- Colossians 2:15
- Colossians 2:16
- Colossians 2:17
- Colossians 2:18
- Colossians 2:19

RAYMOND ORTLUND, JR.

- Colossians 2:14: Do you want to be forgiven?
J. P. T. HUNT

- Colossians 2:11-12, the Circumcision / Baptism Analogy, and Infant Baptism - Tyndale Bulletin 41.2 (1990): 227-244

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

- Colossians 2:12-13 Devotional (July 7)
- Colossians 2:14 Devotional (Aug 18)

ONSITE

- Colossians 2:20
- Colossians 2:21
- Colossians 2:22
- Colossians 2:23

COLOSSIANS 3

- Colossians 3 Resources - Multiple Sermons and Commentaries

GREG HERRICK

- Colossians 3: Even the “Best of Us” Are Called to Mortify Sin

ONSITE

- Colossians 3:1
- Colossians 3:2
- Colossians 3:3
- Colossians 3:4

JOSEPH PARKER

- Colossians 3 The Hidden Life

HORATIUS BONAR

- Colossians 3:1-4 The Risen Christ and the Things Above

JAMES HASTINGS

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Colossians 3:2-4 The Hidden Life

J R MILLER

- Colossians 3 Thoughts - Scroll Down
- Colossians 3:1-2 Scroll to The man with the muck rake
- Colossians 3:5-7 Scroll to Nursing a viper!
- Colossians 3:8 Scroll to Spiritual beauty!
- Colossians 3:1-15 The New Life in Christ

Colossians 3:1- If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above. - Colossians 3:1

Every Christian life should have the upward look. If we believe on Christ we are one with Him, dying in Him. So Paul says: "If then ye were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is." Becoming a Christian, then, makes us a citizen of heaven. We live yet in this world, but our home is above, where Christ is. Heaven's joys should be our joys. Heaven's life should be our life. "Your life is hid with Christ in God." This means that we are sheltered in Christ. It means that we are sheltered in Christ. It means also our life has its sources of strength, of nourishment, of help, in Christ. Our hearts and eyes should be drawn away therefore from things earthly to things heavenly. We ought to live for things above. We ought to set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth. While we stay here for a while, we are going on to heaven, where we shall live forever.

Colossians 3:17 - Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. - Colossians 3:17

If we belong to Christ in heaven, we must make our lives here on earth correspond with the life of heaven. Our prayer is, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." So we are to mortify, or make dead, all the things in our lives that are not right, or that are not done in heaven. this includes all desires and all acts and dispositions that are not white and clean. We are to be in this world, walking in the midst of its evil, and are yet to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. The list of things we are to put away is a frightful one. It does not seem possible that we ever shall incline to do these things, and yet we are always in danger of doing them. There are things also which we are to "put on," and these are all beautiful things - a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness; we should write off the list and keep it where we may see it continually.

J C RYLE

- Colossians 3:1-2 Scroll to Running Here and There Like Ants on an Anthill!

THOMAS BRADBURY

- Colossians 3:1-4 Resurrection and Ascension Realities

OSWALD CHAMBERS
Colossians 3:3 The Hidden Life

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

Colossians 3:2 Devotional (May 10)

CASTING CROWNS

Slow Fade by Casting Crowns - Powerful Video with Superb Lyrics - Play this Before or After Sermon on Sexual Purity, etc

ONSITE

- Colossians 3:5
- Colossians 3:6
- Colossians 3:7
- Colossians 3:8
- Colossians 3:9
- Colossians 3:10
- Colossians 3:11
- Colossians 3:12
- Colossians 3:13
- Colossians 3:14
- Colossians 3:15
- Colossians 3:16

C F D MOULE

Colossians 3:1-17 "The New Life"

ALAN CARR

Colossians 3:1-4 An Old Challenge For a New Year
Colossians 3:1-17 Is The Old Man Dead?
Colossians 3:1-17 Is The New Man Alive?

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

Colossians 3:10 Devotional (Dec 5)
Colossians 3:11 Devotional (Jan 15)

THOMAS WATSON

Colossians 3:11: Christ All in All
K K POPHAM

- Colossians 3:11: Christ All in All

RAYMOND ORTLUND, JR.

- Colossians 3:1-4: Practical Implication of the Resurrection
- Colossians 3:15: Three Priorities: One Another - Second

J C RYLE

- Colossians 3:11: Christ is All

F B MEYER

- Colossians 3:15 Devotional

JAMES HASTINGS

- Colossians 3:16 The Indwelling Word

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

- Colossians 3:16 Devotional (Sept 17)

ONSITE

- Colossians 3:17
- Colossians 3:18
- Colossians 3:19
- Colossians 3:20
- Colossians 3:21
- Colossians 3:22
- Colossians 3:23
- Colossians 3:24
- Colossians 3:25

MIKE ANDRUS

- Colossians 3:22-4:1, Ephesians 6:5-9, 1 Peter 2:13-23 Work is Not a Four Letter Word

RAY PRITCHARD

- Colossians 3:17: Overcoming Boredom (Eccl 9:10)
Colossians 4 Resources - Multiple Sermons and Commentaries

ONSITE

- Colossians 4:1
- Colossians 4:2
- Colossians 4:3
- Colossians 4:4
- Colossians 4:5
- Colossians 4:6
- Colossians 4:7
- Colossians 4:8
- Colossians 4:9

Thomas Brooks

- Colossians 4:2 Secret Prayer (From his longer discourse "A Word in Season to Suffering Saints") (See also) (Pdf of the entire discourse)

RAY PRITCHARD

- Colossians 4:2-4 Wanted: Bold Believers!

J R MILLER

- Colossians 4:6: Devotional (August 20)
  Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt. - Colossians 4:6
  The New Testament has a great deal to say about speech. Jesus spoke of men's words - idle words which have to be accounted for in the judgement, contemptuous words which bring upon him who uses them severe condemnation, words which test life - by which one is either justified or condemned. Paul, too, refers to speech. Here we have a very suggestive exhortation on the subject. Our speech should always be with grace. Grace means fitting, beautiful. We should learn to speak so that our tones of voice and our manner of speech shall be winning and attractive. Grace means also something under divine influence. We should speak words permeated with love and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Jenny Lind said she always sang with God. A Christian should always speak to God, to please Him. Our speech should be "seasoned with salt." Salt purifies. Our words should be pure and cleansing - loving, gentle, helpful, inspiring.
  
- Colossians 4:6: Devotional (Nov 8)
- Colossians 4:5: Scroll down
DANIEL E PARKS

- Colossians 4:6 Let Your Speech Always Be with Grace

F B MEYER

- Colossians 4:12, 13 Devotional

LIFE AND LAND SEMINARS

- Colossians 4:7: Tychicus
- Colossians 4:10 Aristarchus
- Colossians 4:13-16 Laodicea (mostly exposition of Rev 3)
- Colossians 4:14: DEMAS: Lover of this Present World

ONSITE

- Colossians 4:10
- Colossians 4:11
- Colossians 4:12
- Colossians 4:13
- Colossians 4:14
- Colossians 4:15
- Colossians 4:16
- Colossians 4:17
- Colossians 4:18

ANDREW BONAR

- Colossians 4:12: Epaphras

G. CAMPBELL MORGAN

COLOSSIANS SERMONS

Westminster Pulpit

- Colossians 1:14 Forgiveness
- Colossians 1:15, 18 The Firstborn
- Colossians 1:18 Church Ideals 2: The Church Governed
- Colossians 1:20 The Cross 3: Peace by the Cross
- Colossians 1:21, 22 The Atonement
- Colossians 2:6 How God Has Made Possible What He Requires
- Colossians 2:9 The Deity of Jesus
H C G MOULE  
COLOSSIANS COMMENTARY  
Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges  
(1913)

D Edmond Hiebert - A concise, lucid treatment of these epistles by a conservative Anglican scholar of the past generation. Includes several valuable appendixes.

Comments often have a devotional flavor

- **Introduction**
- **Colossians 1 Commentary**
- **Colossians 2 Commentary**
- **Colossians 3 Commentary**
- **Colossians 4 Commentary**

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H C G MOULE  
Colossians Studies  
(1898)

Lesson in Faith and Holiness from St Paul's Epistles to the Colossians and Philemon - This resource is different then his commentary above


- **Introduction**
- **Colossians 1:1-8 Salutation**
- **Colossians 1:9-14 The Apostle's Prayer for the Colossians**
- **Colossians 1:15-20 The Pre-Eminence of the Son of God**
- **Colossians 1:21-29 Redemption Applied**
- **Colossians 2:1-7 The Secret of God and Its Power**
- **Colossians 2:8-15 Pardon, Life and Victory in the Crucified and Risen One**
- **Colossians 2:16-25 Holy Liberty in Union with Christ**
- **Colossians 3:1-7 The Root and Fruit of Holiness**
- **Colossians 3:8-17 More Upon Holiness, Its Rules and Motives**
- **Colossians 3:18-4:1 The Christian Home**
- **Colossians 4:2-18 Last Words on Prayer, Conduct, Speech; Personal Messages; Farewell**
See also The Epistle to Philemon - about 40 pages of Moule's commentary notes
Another Moule resource on Philemon

NET BIBLE NOTES
COLOSSIANS COMMENTARY

Recommended: NETBible notes are in the right panel. You can also select the tab for "Constable's Notes." As you scroll the Bible text in the left panel, the notes are synchronized and will scroll to the same passage. This is a very helpful feature.

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PHIL NEWTON
COLOSSIANS SERMONS

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- Colossians 1:1-8 Evidence of Life
- Colossians 1:9-12 A Prayer to Pray for One Another
- Colossians 1:13-14 Out of Darkness
- Colossians 1:15-17 The Glory of Christ to the Creation
- Colossians 1:18-20 The Glory of Christ to the Redeemed
- Colossians 1:21-23 Reconciled!
- Colossians 1:24-27 Mystery No Longer!
- Colossians 1:28-29 Heart of the Ministry
- Colossians 2:1-5 A Stable Faith
- Colossians 2:6-7 Good Roots
- Colossians 2:8-10 Thinking Correctly About Christ
- Colossians 2:11-12 Christian Baptism
- Colossians 2:13-15 Regeneration and the Cross
- Colossians 2:16-19 Beware of Fakes
- Colossians 2:20-23 Pretty Religion
- Colossians 3:1-4 Sanctification: A New Position
- Colossians 3:5-11 Sanctification: A New Self
- Colossians 3:12-14 Sanctification: A New Action
- Colossians 3:15-17 Sanctification: A New Rule
- Colossians 3:18-19 Sanctification: A New Family, Part 1
Updated November, 2015 These make excellent sermon illustrations. The first group represents devotionals on one page, and the longer list represents individual devotionals.

- Colossians 1 Illustrations
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- Colossians 1:3-8 Chums
- Colossians 1:3-8 Kingdom Living
- Colossians 1:3-8 My Compliments
- Colossians 1:3-8 Rescued
- Colossians 1:3-12 International Friendship
- Colossians 1:3-14 Location, Location, Location
- Colossians 1:3-14 We Need Hope
- Colossians 1:9: Magazine Christianity
- Colossians 1:9: Praying Like Paul
- Colossians 1:9-14 A Lost Art
- Colossians 1:9-14 A Mysterious Equation
- Colossians 1:10: Medal Of Honor
- Colossians 1:10 God’s Presence At Church
- Colossians 1:10: What God Owes Us
- Colossians 1:10: Supreme Motive
- Colossians 1:13 A New Song
- Colossians 1:13-23 A Storyteller
- Colossians 1:14: A Unique Offer
- Colossians 1:14: Beginning Again
- Colossians 1:15 Isn't He Beautiful!
- Colossians 1:15 Who Is God?
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Excerpt on Colossians 3:5 to give you a "feel" for Parker's style - "Then it is not all contemplation, and sentiment and poetry! This life in Christ means discipline. We have died with Christ that we might obtain the power of Christ, and we are to use that power in destroying the works of the flesh and the influence of the devil. By the power of Christ's resurrection we have been brought to the use of strenuous, penetrating, continual discipline. Discipline has to do for the body what resurrection with Christ has done for the soul. We are raised again with Christ that we may begin, continue, and complete a great fight or sacrifice. We are to practice a large spiritual surgery. It is in vain that we profess to have risen with Christ if the body is to have its own way...."
Give Thanks Colossians 3:15-17
Building the Body with an Attitude an Attitude of Gratitude Colossians 3:15-17
Real World Christianity Colossians 3:18
Family 101 Colossians 3:2-21
What Difference Does Prayer Make? Colossians 4:2-4
Thanksgiving and Its Connection to our Praying Colossians 4:2-4

A S PEAKE
COLOSSIANS COMMENTARY
The Expositor's Greek Testament

(1903)

James Rosscup writes that this is "One of the older, much-used commentaries, which offers considerable help on Greek words, grammar, background etc. and will prove rather contributive, consulted along with newer and longer studies." (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works)

Colossians - Introduction
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Arthur Peake's Commentary (different from the Expositor's Greek Testament above)

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COLOSSIANS SERMONS

Colossians 1:3-8: The Fruit of Hope: Love
Colossians 1:15-23: Why Hope? Gospel!
PLYMOUTH BRETHREN
COLOSSIANS WRITINGS

Who Are They and What do they Believe?

- Notes of a Reading on Colossians 1 (J. N. Darby - bio)
- Colossians (George Davison - bio)
- The Epistle of Paul to the Colossians. (William Kelly - bio)
- Colossians (F. B. Hole - bio)
- The Epistle to the Colossians. (Christian Friend Magazine)
- Some Consecutive Remarks on the Contents of the Epistle to the Colossians (from Christian Friend Magazine)
- Thoughts on Romans, Colossians, Ephesians. (J. N. Darby)
- Romans and Colossians (Christian Friend Magazine)
- Notes of a Reading on Colossians 1. (Christian Friend Magazine)
- Christ in Colossians 1 (J. N. Darby)
- Colossians 1 (J. N. Darby)
- On Colossians 1: 19 (J. N. Darby)
- Romans 16: 25-27; Colossians 1: 12 to 2: 3. (Norman Anderson)

REFORMATION STUDY BIBLE
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- Colossians 1:1–2
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Colossians - The New Heresy in the Lycus Valley
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Colossians 1:9-14 The Petition for Full Knowledge of God's Will
Colossians 1:15-20 The Preeminence of Christ
Colossians 1:21-23 The Change from Heathen to Christian
Colossians 1:24-2:5 The Mystery of God in Christ Made Manifest
Colossians 2:6-19 The Triumph of Christ on the Cross

A. T. ROBERTSON
COLOSSIANS COMMENTARY

Paul and the Intellectuals - The Stone Lectures for 1926 - The substance of these 12 chapters were the 1926 Stone Lectures at Princeton Theological Seminary

D Edmond Hiebert - A series of expository lectures, originally published in 1928, which unite accurate scholarship with spiritual edification by a master of the Greek. Abounds in flashes of light from the Greek for the common reader.

Cyril Barber - A verse-by-verse treatment of the letter expounded in the light of its historic setting and the emergence of an incipient form of Gnosticism.

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- Colossians 3:5-14 Take Off Your Grave Clothes
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- Colossians 3:15 Let The Peace Of God Rule
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- Colossians 4:2-6 Watch, Walk & Talk
- Colossians 4:7-18 Special Team Players

CHARLES SIMEON
COLOSSIANS SERMONS

NOTE: If you are not familiar with the great saint Charles Simeon see Dr John Piper's discussion of Simeon's life - you will want to read Simeon's sermons after meeting him! - click Brothers We Must Not Mind a Little Suffering (Mp3 even better)

- Colossians 1:3-6 Paul's Commendation of the Gospel
- Colossians 1:9-13 Prayer for Growth in Grace
- Colossians 1:16-18 The Glory of Christ
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- Colossians 1:27 Christ in Us The Hope of Glory
- Colossians 1:28 Preaching Christ
- Colossians 2:1,2 Mystery of the Gospel to Be Searched Out
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Colossians 3:17 Method and Music or the Art of Holy & Happy Living
Colossians 3:24 All for Jesus
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RAY STEDMAN
COLOSSIANS SERMONS

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- Colossians 1:15-17: Master of the Universe
- Colossians 1:18-20: The Reason for the Season
- Colossians 1:21-29: The Great Mystery
- Colossians 2:1-7: The Overflowing Life
- Colossians 2:6-11 Faith and Modern Knowledge
- Colossians 2:8-15: Beware!
- Colossians 2:16-23: Things that can Ruin your Faith
- Colossians 3:1-11: True Human Potential
- Colossians 3:12-17: Put on the New
- Colossians 3:18-4:6: Living Christianly
- Colossians 4:2-4 A Word to the Wise
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THIRD MILLENNIUM
COLOSSIANS STUDY NOTES

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- Paul's Introduction - Colossians 1:1-14
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- Holy and faithful - Colossians 1:2
- Thanksgiving - Colossians 1:3-8
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- Faith and love . . . hope - Colossians 1:5-6
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