

Colossians Commentaries & Sermons

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CHRIST IS ALL IN ALL
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Christ Preeminent in All Things Supreme Lord - Sufficient Savior			
Colossians 1	Colossians 2	Colossians 3	Colossians 4
Supremacy of Christ		Submission to Christ	
Doctrinal and Corrective		Practical and Reassuring	
What Christ Did For Us		What Christ Does Through Us	
Christ Our Lord		Christ Our Life	Christ our Love
Christ the Head of the Body	Christ the Lord of the Universe	Christ the Head of the Home	
Instruction	Warnings	Exhortations	Reminders
Reconciliation	Creation	Submission	Conversation
His Person and Word		His Peace and Presence	

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" - **P**ause to **P**onder the **P**assage then **P**ractise it in the **P**ower 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
- **Jesus** (7x/7v) - Col. 1:1; Col. 1:3; Col. 1:4; Col. 2:6; Col. 3:17; Col. 4:11; Col. 4:12
- **In Him/by Him/for Him** - Col. 1:17; Col. 1:19; Col. 2:6; Col. 2:7; Col. 2:9; Col. 2:10; Col. 2:11/by Him - Col 1:16/for Him - Col 1:16, Col 4:13
- **Mystery** (4x/4v) - Col. 1:26; Col. 1:27; Col. 2:2; Col. 4:3
- **Knowledge** (5x/5v) - Col. 1:9; Col. 1:10; Col. 2:2; Col. 2:3; Col. 3:10
- **Wisdom** (6x/6v) - Col. 1:9; Col. 1:28; Col. 2:3; Col. 2:23; Col. 3:16; Col. 4:5
- **Fullness** (2x/2v) () - Col. 1:19; Col. 2:9
- **Perfect** (2x/2v) - Col. 3:14; Col. 4:12

- **Complete** (2x/2v) - Col. 1:28; Col. 2:10
- **All** (32x/28v) - Col. 1:4; Col. 1:6; Col. 1:9; Col. 1:10; Col. 1:11; Col. 1:15; Col. 1:16; Col. 1:17; Col. 1:19; Col. 1:20; Col. 1:23; Col. 1:28; Col. 2:1; Col. 2:2; Col. 2:3; Col. 2:9; Col. 2:10; Col. 2:13; Col. 2:22; Col. 3:8; Col. 3:11; Col. 3:14; Col. 3:16; Col. 3:17; Col. 3:20; Col. 3:22; Col. 4:7; Col. 4:12
- **Faith** (5x/5v) - Col. 1:4; Col. 1:23; Col. 2:5; Col. 2:7; Col. 2:12
- **Body** (9x/9v) - Col. 1:18; Col. 1:22; Col. 1:24; Col. 2:5; Col. 2:11; Col. 2:19; Col. 2:23; Col. 3:5; Col. 3:15
- **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
- [Colossians Introduction](#) - NIV Study Bible

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..

EPHESIANS	COLOSSIANS
Written in prison, carried by Tychicus	Written in prison, carried by Tychicus

Stresses wisdom, knowledge, fullness, mystery	Stresses wisdom, knowledge, fullness, mystery
Emphasizes the church as the body of Christ	Emphasizes Christ as the Head of the body
General, universal	Specific, local
First half—position; second half—practice	First half—position; second half—practice
Ironic, calm	Polemic, concern
Reflective, quiet	Spiritual conflict

SIMILAR PASSAGES

EPHESIANS COLOSSIANS

- Eph 1:1 1. Col 1:1
- Eph 1:2 2. Col 1:2
- Eph 1:3 3. Col 1:3
- Eph 1:7 4. Col 1:14
- Eph 1:10 5. Col 1:20
- Eph 1:15-17 6. Col 1:3, 4
- Eph 1:18 7. Col 1:27
- Eph 1:21 8. Col 1:16
- Eph 1:22 9. Col 1:18
- Eph 2:1,12 10. Col 1:21
- Eph 2:5 11. Col 2:13
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- Eph 2:16 13. Col 1:20
- Eph 3:1 14. Col 1:24
- Eph 3:2 15. Col 1:25
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- Eph 3:7 17. Col 1:23, 25
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- Eph 4:22 24. Col 3:8
- Eph 4:25 25. Col 3:8
- Eph 4:29 26. Col 3:8; 4:6
- Eph 4:31 27. Col 3:8
- Eph 4:32 28. Col 3:12
- Eph 5:3 29. Col 3:5
- Eph 5:4 30. Col 3:8
- Eph 5:5 31. Col 3:5
- Eph 5:6 32. Col 3:6
- Eph 5:15 33. Col 4:5
- Eph 5:18,19 34. Col 3:16
- Eph 5:21 35. Col 3:18
- Eph 5:25 36. Col 3:19
- Eph 6:1 37. Col 3:20
- Eph 6:4 38. Col 3:21
- Eph 6:5 39. Col 3:22
- Eph 6:9 40. Col 4:1
- Eph 6:18 41. Col 4:2
- Eph 6:21 42. Col 4:7

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
3. Beware of man-made disciplines – Colossians 2:18-23

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
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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)1)
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: the 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 Head. Christ is the image of the invisible God, the Son of His love (Col 1:13),

the abode of His fulness (Col 1:15,19; 2:3,9).

Christ is the sovereign Creator of the universe (Col 1:16,17).

He is from all eternity, and has all pre-eminence (Col 1:17).

He is the Reconciler of the universe through the blood of His Cross (Col 1:20-22,14; 2:14).

He is the Head of all principality and power (Col 2:10,15).

He is the Head of the body, the Church (Col 1:18,24; 2:19; 3:4).

He is All in All (Col 3:11).

The Church's position is united to Christ, complete in Him, dead, buried, risen with Him; therefore she is to put off the old and to put on the new (Col 1:27; 2:10,12; 3:1-10).

Like Paul's other Epistles, the doctrinal section is followed by practical rules for daily life. As if he said, "Here is the principle, now see how it works out." ([Christ in All the Scriptures - Acts-Jude](#))

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!”

- [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](#)
- Easton's Bible Dictionary [Colossians, Epistle to the](#)
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- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible [Colossians, Epistle to the](#)
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- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia [Colossians, Epistle to the](#)
- McClintock and Strong's Bible Encyclopedia [Colossians, Epistle to The](#)
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- American Tract Society [Colosse](#)
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- Colossians 4:18 Commentary

COMMENTARIES AND OTHER RESOURCES ARCHIVE.ORG

Explanation - The following list includes not only commentaries but other Christian works by well known evangelical writers. Most of the resources below are newer works (written after 1970) which previously were available only for purchase in book form or in a Bible computer program. The resources are made freely available by archive.org but have several caveats - (1) they do not allow copy and paste, (2) they can only be checked out for one hour (but can be checked out immediately when your hour expires giving you time to read or take notes on a lengthy section) and (3) they require creating an account which allows you to check out the books free of charge. To set up an account click [archive.org](https://www.archive.org) and then click the picture of the person in right upper corner and enter email and a password. That's all you have to do. Then you can read these more modern resources free of charge! I have read or used many of these resources but not all of them so ultimately you will need to be a Berean ([Acts 17:11+](https://www.bible.com/bible/1/Acts/17/11)) as you use them. I have also selected works that are conservative and Biblically sound. If you find one that you think does not meet those criteria please send an email at <https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact>. The resources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name and some include reviews of the particular resource.

COMMENTARIES ON COLOSSIANS

[The Bible Exposition Commentary](#) - Ephesians through Revelation - Warren Wiersbe

Rosscup - One of America's most appreciated staunchly evangelical Bible conference teachers gives diligent, refreshing expositions. These are all of his 23 separate, earlier books in the "Be" series on the New Testament. He strikes a particular appeal with lay people as he crystallizes sections, deals with some of the verses,

handles certain problems and backgrounds and applies principles. He is premillennial.

[The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible : New Testament, King James Version](#) - Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians - This is a very useful resource which always includes numerous related cross-references. It will be of aid to you preaching and teaching.

[Exposition of Colossians and Philemon](#) by Hendriksen, William, 1900-1982, author

[Colossians, Philemon](#) by Martin, Ernest D. (Believer's Church Bible Commentary)

[The interpretation of st. paul's epistles to the colossians, to the thessalonians, to timothy, to titus and to philemon](#) by R.C.H. Lenski - Lutheran commentator who writes excellent notes.

[Epistles to the philippians and colossians](#) by W.E Vine (Author of Vine's Expository Dictionary NT/OT) Succinct but good notes.

[Ephesians and Colossians in the Greek New Testament for the English reader](#) by Wuest, Kenneth Samuel, - good word studies

[Philippians / Colossians](#) by McGee, J. Vernon

[Love so amazing](#) by Lloyd-Jones, David Martyn - Messages on Colossians from this outstanding British preacher.

[The message of Colossians and Philemon : fullness and freedom](#) by Lucas, R. C (Bible Speaks Today Series)

Cyril Barber - Omits introductory matters and launches straight into an exposition of the text. Designed for expository preachers, but has value for personal lay study as well.

James Rosscup - The rector of St. Helen's Church, Bishopsgate in London, wrote this work which is not a "commentary" but an accurate, readable exposition keyed to practical life. His fresh style is akin to John R. W. Stott's in the same series (Only One Way on Galatians; God's New Society on Ephesians, etc.). Lucas is aware of some problems and draws from Lightfoot, E. Lohse and others. While comments on many areas are good, brevity that the series necessitates makes some discussions disappointing, as on 1:15. The introduction to Philemon is good on slavery, yet one is astonished to find less than a page verse by verse. The main message of fullness and freedom beams brightly.

[A handbook on Paul's letters to the Colossians and to Philemon](#) by Bratcher, Robert G

[Philippians, Colossians, Philemon](#) - Life Application Commentary

[Paul and the intellectuals : the Epistle to the Colossians ...](#) by Robertson, A. T.,

[Colossians: Christ All-Sufficient](#) by Everett F. Harrison

Cyril Barber - Good things frequently come in small packages. This is one of them.

[Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians](#) by Lane, William L - Only 98 pages.

[Colossians & Philemon](#) by Wall, Robert W (Same material [available below](#))

[Philippians, Colossians and Philemon](#) by MacDonald, William (1972) 160 pages (see also [Believer's Bible Commentary](#))

[Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon](#) by Patzia, Arthur G (New International Biblical Commentary)

[Colossians, a portrait of Christ](#) by Draper, James

[Colossians speaks to the sickness of our times](#) by Hubbard, David Allan

[Commentary on the Epistles to the Ephesians and the Colossians : the English text with introduction, exposition and notes](#) - F F Bruce, E K Simpson

Cyril Barber - Colossians was the first Pauline epistle on which Bruce wrote a commentary. Now, thirty years later, he has rewritten this work and added to it entirely new studies on Philemon and Ephesians. He believes that Ephesians follows Colossians in thought and that Philemon, with its close association to Colossians, is appropriately included in this group of Paul's writings. Provocative

[Studies in the epistle to the colossians](#) by Schuyler English

[Colossians & Philemon](#) by Harris, Murray

James Rosscup - This is the first of twenty commentaries predicted in this series. Harris, who has the fine commentary on the second letter to the Corinthians and has taught New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, helps a person who is beginning to review his Greek to see, paragraph by paragraph, a structural analysis of every phrase and every word and virtually every feature of the message the Greek text conveys. One learns much in the Greek about the two epistles and also gets some homiletical suggestions from a meticulous scholar.

[Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon](#) by Martin, Ralph P (Interpretation A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching - not my favorite series of commentaries)

[Practical illustrations : Galatians-Colossians](#)

[Colossians and Philemon](#) by Martin, Ralph P

Cyril Barber New Century Bible Commentary. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1981. First published in 1973. This work, based on the RSV, contains scholarly comments on key words or phrases in most of the verses of these epistles.

James Rosscup - A work of good competence by a recognized New Testament scholar, one of whose concentrations has been Colossians. He shows awareness of scholarly knowledge about backgrounds, views on problems and defense of his exegesis verse by verse.

[The all-sufficient Christ : studies in Paul's letter to the Colossians](#) by Barclay, William

[The letters to the Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians](#) by Barclay, William,

[The Epistles of St. Paul to the Colossians and Philemon](#) by Maclaren, Alexander,

[The Epistles to the Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon](#) by Rees, Paul S

James Rosscup - A good attempt at bringing out homiletic points sometimes richly suggestive for preaching.

[Philippians, Colossians, Philemon](#) by Gould, Dana, - Shepherd's Notes

[A study guide Colossians](#) by Curtis Vaughan

[The letters to the Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians](#) by Barclay, William,

[Colossians and Philemon : a runaway church and a runaway slave](#) by Townsend, Jim,

[Colossians and Philemon : bible study commentary](#) by Vaughan, Curtis

[You are loved & forgiven : Paul's letter of hope to the Colossians](#) by Ogilvie, Lloyd John

[Exploring God's word : Bible guide to Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians](#) by Guthrie, Donald

[Colossians Philemon : Completion and Reconciliation in Christ](#) - John MacArthur

[Complete in Christ : study notes, Colossians 1:24-2:23](#) by MacArthur, John,

[Christ pre-eminent; studies in the Epistle to the Colossians](#) by Thomas, W. H. Griffith

Cyril Barber - Outlined in the best homiletic tradition, this is one of the finest of works for the pastor and lay Bible student. "I have long considered [this commentary] to be one of the best expositions available. . . . I commend it to you."--Warren W. Wiersbe.

Cyril Barber - Based on the notes of this renowned expositor and theologian, these studies serve to stimulate and encourage Bible teachers and pastors, helping them enjoy the blessings made available to them through their union with Christ. 2

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W

[Cyril Barber](#) - This is a book of exceptional merit. Pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers will profit from its use. Wiersbe introduces each book of the NT, provides an outline, and then furnishes his readers with a chapter-by-chapter discussion of the contents. The homiletic style is a "plus." Recommended.

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - [428 ratings](#) - Chapter by chapter. Helpful insights.

[Colossians : the mystery of Christ in us](#) by Demarest, Gary

Cyril Barber - Designed for discussion groups. This study is partly expository and partly sermonic. Does stress the centrality of Christ in Christian experience

[A NavPress Bible study on the books of Colossians & Philemon](#)

[Colossians, Philippians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon](#) by Tolbert, Malcolm (Layman's Bible Book Commentary)

[The Epistles of Paul the apostle to the Colossians and to Philemon](#) by Moule, C. F. D.

[The Epistles to the Colossians and to Philemon](#) by Handley Carr Glyn Moule

Cyril Barber - Appearing initially in the Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges series, these commentaries on two of Paul's epistles have endeared themselves to evangelical students of the NT since their first appearance in 1893. They should not be confused with the same author's Colossians and Philemon Studies: Lessons in Faith and Holiness (See below)

[Colossian studies : lessons in faith and holiness from St. Paul's Epistles to the Colossians and Philemon](#) by Moule, H. C. G.

Cyril Barber - One of the most reverent and delightful of expositions extant. By all means, buy it. First published in 1877. 2

[The Epistles of Paul to the Colossians and to Philemon : an exposition](#) by Erdman, Charles R

[Homilies on Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus, and Philemon](#) by John Chrysostom,

[Colossians : the teacher's outline & study Bible](#)

[Commentaries on the Epistles of Paul the Apostle to the Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians](#); by Calvin, Jean,

[Philippians & Colossians : a life application Bible study](#) by O'Donnell, Peter

STUDY BIBLES:

Note: The first 4 resources have no time restriction and allow copy and paste function:

(1) [KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users. - [372 ratings](#)

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective [user reviews](#)

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

(2) [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . [3,194 ratings](#). Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

(3) [NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial. [917 ratings](#)

(4) [The Wycliffe Bible Commentary - only the New Testament](#) (for OT see below to borrow) - 1126 pages. (1971) Everett F Harrison - Editor of New Testament. Uses the KJV. Strictly speaking not a study Bible, but short notes are similar. KJV text in left column, commentary notes in right column. The comments are generally verse by verse, short, conservative and to the point. Pre-millennial.

Quote from **Henry Alford** (1810-1871 - not a dispensationalist!) on Revelation 20 - "It will have been long ago anticipated by the readers of this Commentary, that I cannot consent to distort words from their plain sense and chronological place in the prophecy, on account of any considerations of difficulty, or any risk of abuses which the doctrine of the millennium may bring with it. Those who lived next to the Apostles, and the whole Church for 300 years, understood them in the plain literal sense: and it is a strange sight in these days to see expositors who are among the first in reverence of antiquity, complacently casting aside the most cogent

instance of consensus which primitive antiquity presents. As regards the text itself, no legitimate treatment of it will extort what is known as the spiritual interpretation now in fashion."

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[Dictionary of Paul and his letters](#) [180 ratings](#) IVP Series

The Dictionary of Paul and His Letters is a one-of-a-kind reference work. Following the format of its highly successful companion volume, the [Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels](#), this Dictionary is designed to bring students, teachers, ministers and laypeople abreast of the established conclusions and significant recent developments in Pauline scholarship. No other single reference work presents as much information focused exclusively on Pauline theology, literature, background and scholarship. In a field that recently has undergone significant shifts in perspective, the Dictionary of Paul and His Letters offers a summa of Paul and Pauline studies. In-depth articles focus on individual theological themes (such as law, resurrection and Son of God), broad theological topics (such as Christology, eschatology and the death of Christ), methods of interpretation (such as rhetorical criticism and social-scientific approaches), background topics (such as apocalypticism, Hellenism and Qumran) and various other subjects specifically related to the scholarly study of Pauline theology and literature (such as early catholicism, the center of Paul's theology, and Paul and his interpreters since F. C. Baur). Separate articles are also devoted to each of the Pauline letters to hermeneutics and to preaching Paul today.

[Zondervan NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - Use this one if available as it has more notes than edition below. One hour limit

[NIV Study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. This is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020. One hour limit

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages. Conservative. Literal. **Often has very insightful comments.** John MacArthur, says "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen." Warren Wiersbe adds "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

Rosscup - This work, originally issued in 1983, is conservative and premillennial, written to help teachers, preachers and people in every walk of life with different views, explanation and application. The 2-column format runs verse by verse for the most part, usually in a helpfully knowledgeable manner, and there are several special sections such as "Prayer" in Acts and "Legalism" in Galatians. The premillennial view is evident on [Acts 1:6, 3:20](#), [Romans 11:26](#), [Galatians 6:16](#), Revelation 20, etc.

[HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - General Editor Jeremy Royal Howard (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holmans excellent maps. One hour limit

[Life Application Study Bible: Old Testament and New Testament](#) New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes especially with application of texts. [4,445 ratings](#) One hour limit

[The MacArthur Study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes for conservative, literal perspective. [1,275 ratings](#)

[ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel [6,004 ratings](#)

[The David Jeremiah Study Bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [2,272 ratings Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). [214 ratings](#) Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary. Conservative. Notes are generally verse by verse but brief.

Rosscup - Conservative and premillennial scholars here have been experts in their fields. The work contains brief introductions and attempts to give a verse-by-verse exposition, though it does skip over some verses. The treatments vary with the authors, but as a whole it is a fine one-volume commentary for pastors and students to use or give to a layman. Outstanding sections include, for example: Whitcomb on Ezra-Nehemiah-Esther; Culver on Daniel; Ladd on Acts; Harrison on Galatians; Johnson on I Corinthians; and Ryrie on the Johannine Epistles.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes by well known creationist. [45 ratings](#)

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994) [See user reviews](#)

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. [424 ratings](#) Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[The Experiencing God Study Bible: the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

[NLT Study Bible](#) (Illustration Version)

[Disciple's Study Bible: New international version](#) [54 ratings](#) Not that helpful for verse by verse study. Focuses on application of Christian doctrines. 10,000 annotations; doctrinal summaries, "Life Helps" section relate doctrine to everyday discipleship.

[The Living Insights Study Bible : New International Version](#) - Charles Swindoll. Notes are good but somewhat sparse and not verse by verse.

[The Apologetics Study Bible Understand Why You Believe](#) by Norman Geisler

[NIV Archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages [950 ratings](#) (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

"Readers who desire a more intimate knowledge of the historical context of the Bible will appreciate the NIV Archaeological Study Bible. Full of informative articles and full-color photographs of places and objects from biblical times, this Bible examines the archaeological record surrounding God's Word and brings the biblical world to life. Readers' personal studies will be enriched as they become more informed about the empires, places, and peoples of the ancient world. Features include: • Four-color interior throughout • Bottom-of-page study notes exploring passages that speak on archaeological and cultural facts • Articles (520) covering five main categories: Archaeological Sites, Cultural and Historical Notes, Ancient Peoples and Lands, the Reliability of the Bible, and Ancient Texts and Artifacts • Approximately 500 4-color photographs interspersed throughout • Detailed book introductions that provide basic, at-a-glance information • Detailed charts on pertinent topics • In-text color maps that assist the reader in placing the action "

[NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible. Bringing to Life the Ancient World of Scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[The Holman Illustrated Study Bible](#) [120 ratings](#) Includes the excellent Holman maps but otherwise of little help in serious study.

[Zondervan King James Version Commentary](#) - New Testament

[NIV Celebrate Recovery Study Bible](#)

[Daily Study Bible for Women : New Living Translation](#)

[The Woman's Study Bible : the New King James Version](#)

[The Study Bible for Women : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#)

[Daily Study Bible for Men : New Living Translation](#)

[NIV Topical Study Bible : New International Version](#)

[Ryrie Study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative. [216 ratings](#)

[Ryrie Study Bible Expanded Edition](#) (1994) 2232 pages

[The Hebrew-Greek Key Study Bible : New American standard study](#) by Strong, James, 1822-1894; Zodhiates, Spiros

[The New Inductive Study Bible : updated New American Standard Bible](#) - Introductions of each book give suggestions how to perform an inductive study on that specific book. Not strictly speaking a "study Bible" with notes but a Bible to help you study inductively. Has wide margins for making notes. This is one that works best in "paper," not digitally.

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - Judges by Andrew Boling (20 pages); editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews](#).

(See also Boling's [380 page commentary on Judges](#) the Anchor Bible Series)

[Halley's Bible Handbook](#) Henry H. Halley - (2000) 2720 pages (much larger than original edition in 1965 and no time limit on use).

([Halley's Bible handbook : an abbreviated Bible commentary - one hour limit](#) 1965 872 pages)

Rosscup - A much-used older evangelical handbook bringing together a brief commentary on Bible books, some key archaeological findings, historical background, maps, quotes, etc. It is helpful to a lay Bible teacher, Sunday School leader, or pastor looking for quick, pertinent information on a Bible book. This is the 72nd printing somewhat revised. Halley packed in much information. Unger's is better overall, but that is not to say that Halley's will not provide much help on basic information.

[The Shaw Pocket Bible Handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

DANNY AKIN COLOSSIANS SERMONS

- [Colossians – Colossians 1:1](#)
- [Why Should Jesus Have First Place In Your Life – Colossians 1:13-23](#)
- [The Lordship of Jesus Christ – Colossians 1:13-23](#)
- [Jesus is Everything – Colossians 1:13-23](#)
- [The Well Dressed Christian – Colossians 3:12-17](#)
- [The Well Dressed Christian – Colossians 3:12-17](#)
- [Making the Most of Your Marriage \(Part 01\) – When Christ is Lord of the Home – Colossians 3:18-21](#)
- [When Christ Is Lord Of The Home – Colossians 3:18-21](#)

HENRY ALFORD COLOSSIANS COMMENTARY The New Testament for English Readers

[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".

- [Introduction to Colossians](#)
- [Colossians 1](#)
- [Colossians 2](#)
- [Colossians 3](#)
- [Colossians 4](#)

HENRY ALFORD COLOSSIANS COMMENTARY The Greek Testament

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](#))

- [Introduction](#)
- [Colossians 1](#)
- [Colossians 2](#)
- [Colossians 3](#)
- [Colossians 4](#)

PAUL APPLE COLOSSIANS COMMENTARY

- [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."

JACK ARNOLD COLOSSIANS SERMONS

Jack Arnold died instantly in the pulpit after uttering these final words: "And when I go to heaven." ([Read more](#)) His sermons are well done, as you might imagine!

- [Introduction](#)
- [THANKSGIVING Col. 1:1-8](#)
- [PRAYER FOR THE WILL OF GOD Colossians 1:9-12a](#)
- [Glorious Transactions Colossians 1:12b-14a](#)
- [REDEMPTION Colossians 1:14](#)
- [Jesus Christ: Supreme Over The Universe Colossians 1:15-17](#)
- [Jesus Christ: Supreme Over The New Creation Colossians 1:18-23](#)
- [The Cultural Mandate Colossians 1:20 Genesis 1:27-31](#)
- [Paul: The Ideal Servant Colossians 1:24-29](#)
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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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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.

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- ["DO NOT LET THEM JUDGE YOU" \(Colossians 2:16-17\)](#)
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- [CELEBRATING CHRISTOCENTRICITY \(Colossians 3:1-4\)](#)
- [WAS PAUL \(AM I, ARE YOU\) A GNOSTIC \(Colossians 3:1-4\)](#)
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- [CHANGING CLOTHES \(Colossians 3:8\)](#)
- [THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF DECEPTION \(Colossians 3:9A\)](#)
- ["TO LIFE" VS. "FROM LIFE" \(Colossians 3:9-10\)](#)
- [TO BE LIKE JESUS \(Colossians 3:10\)](#)
- ["ALL THAT MATTERS IS YOU, O LORD!" \(Colossians COLOSSIANS 3:11\)](#)
- [CHANGED BY HIS CHOICE \(Colossians 3:12\)](#)
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- [IS ALL SCRIPTURE PROFITABLE? \(Colossians 3:22-4:1\)](#)
- [THE EASIEST THING ABOUT PRAYER \(Colossians 4:2\)](#)
- [PRAY THANKFULLY! \(Colossians 4:2\)](#)
- [JUST DO IT \(Colossians 4:3-4\)](#)
- [OPEN DOORS FOR THE GOSPEL \(Colossians 4:3-4\)](#)
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- [WHEN CHRISTIANS CLASH PART I \(Colossians 4:10,14\)](#)
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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.

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

1. Grounding the church in truth (Colossians 1:1-1:29)
 - a. [The prayer of Paul](#) (Colossians 1:1-12)
 - 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)

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1. Growing the church in our relationship with God (Colossians 3:1-3:17)
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 - 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)

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- [Colossians 1:3-8 - "Paul's Prayer of Thanksgiving"](#)
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THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST (1:15-2:23)

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- [Colossians 1:24-2:3 - "The Supremacy of Christ in Apostolic Ministry"](#)
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- [Colossians 2:11-23 - "Christ's Supremacy Over Legalism, Mysticism, and Asceticism"](#)

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CONCLUSION (4:18)

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27 Sep 1992	Master Of The Home	Colossians 3:18-25, 4:1	Zeisler, Steve Fullness in Freedom
20 Sep 1992	My Heart, Christ's Home	Colossians 3:1-17	Zeisler, Steve Fullness in Freedom
13 Sep 1992	Freedom Versus Falsehood	Colossians 2:6-23	Zeisler, Steve Fullness in Freedom
06 Sep 1992	The Great Secret	Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1-5	Zeisler, Steve Fullness in Freedom
30 Aug 1992	How Great Thou Art	Colossians 1:15-23	Zeisler, Steve Fullness in Freedom
16 Aug 1992	Life's Essentials	Colossians 1:9-14	Zeisler, Steve Fullness in Freedom
09 Aug 1992	Good News	Colossians 1:1-8	Zeisler, Steve Fullness in Freedom
25 Jun 2017	Called to Life	Colossians 3:1-25	Lopez, Paco Kingdom Work
03 Jul 2016	How the Cross Decodes the World	Colossians 2:1-15	Sharp, Nolan Main Service
19 Jun 2011	Finding Your Story in Christ	Colossians 4:7-18	Taylor, Paul Walking in the Mystery
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05 Jun 2011	Bringing Christ Home	Colossians 3:18-25, 4:1	Taylor, Paul Walking in the Mystery
29 May 2011	Embracing the World of Truth	Colossians 3:12-17	Taylor, Paul Walking in the Mystery

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15 May 2011	Living in Another World	Colossians 2:16-23, 3:1-4	Taylor, Paul	Walking in the Mystery
08 May 2011	Filling Up in Christ	Colossians 2:8-15	Taylor, Paul	Walking in the Mystery
01 May 2011	Taking a Walk with the Creator of the Universe	Colossians 2:6-7	Taylor, Paul	Walking in the Mystery
19 Dec 2010	Waiting in Love for Christ	Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1-5	Taylor, Paul	Waiting for Christ
12 Dec 2010	Waiting in Peace for Christ	Colossians 1:15-23	Taylor, Paul	Waiting for Christ
05 Dec 2010	Waiting in Joy for Christ	Colossians 1:9-14	Taylor, Paul	Waiting for Christ
28 Nov 2010	Waiting in Hope for Christ	Colossians 1:1-8	Taylor, Paul	Waiting for Christ
16 Jan 1999	Christ In You, The Hope Of Glory	Colossians 1:24-29	Goins, Doug	Great Truths Reconsidered

COMMENTARIES COLOSSIANS

PAUL APPLE

- [Colossians Commentary - 139 page Pdf](#)

JOHANN A BENDEL

- [Colossians Commentary](#)

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.

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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.

- [Colossians 1 Commentary](#)
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CAMBRIDGE GREEK TESTAMENT - C F D Moule

D Edmond Hiebert - Greek text. Part of a new edition of the Cambridge Greek Testament. Valuable introduction. An exegetical commentary based on a linguistic and theological interpretation of the original text.

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ADAM CLARKE

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.

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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. Gaebelein was premillennial and dispensational, and editor for many years of Our Hope Magazine.

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MATTHEW HENRY

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 Rosscup - 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.

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JAMIESON, FAUSSET, BROWN

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 (xliff); 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).

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LANGE COMMENTARY

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.

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- [Colossians Commentary - "The Lordship of Christ" - verse by verse](#)
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- [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

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ROBERT MORGAN

- Colossians 1:1-8 What's So Special About our Gospel?
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- 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](#)

RAYMOND ORTLUND, JR.

- [Colossians 1:24: The Privilege of Suffering](#)
- [Colossians 1:28-29: Our Mission: Discipleship of the Nations](#)

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
- Colossians 1:7
- Colossians 1:8
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- Colossians 1:12

CHARLES BONNER

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

The first thing to do is be sure that you are saved. We are dealing with those who are saved being in the will of God. Notice Colossians 1:9-12

I. There are three things that MAY cause a Christian NOT to be in the will of God

- A. Failure to remember God's power Acts 4:33
- B. Failure to remember our own weakness II Cor. 12:9-10
- C. Failure to remember God's willingness Isaiah 40:28-31

II. When one submits to the will of God; the path will not always be ...

- A. Pleasant II Timothy 3:12
- B. Lucrative II Corinthians 8:1-5 & Luke 16:19-22
- C. Popular John 12:42-43

III. Three things a person has who is in the will of God

- A. Peace in your heart Philippians 4:7
- B. Usefulness II Timothy 2:21
- C. Rewards I Corinthians 3:14

IV. Three things to remember about God's will

- A. It's never foolish I Corinthians 1:18-21 & 25-27
- B. It's never selfish Philippians 3:7-9
- C. It's never impossible Matthew 19:26 Mark 9:23

V. How may I know the will of God?

- A. Submission to Him Psalms 37:5
- B. Proper evaluation of the world I John 2:15-17
- C. Ask God what His will for you is (regarding any particular matter) and then wait (the hard part) for the answer John 13:15-17 Mark 14:36

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- [Colossians 1:7, 4:2 Epaphras- A Man of Fervent Prayer](#)

ALAN CARR

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JAMES SMITH

- [Colossians 1:10 The Proper Aim of a Christian's Life = Pleasing God](#)

ALAN CARR

- [Colossians 1:12-14 A Glorious Change for the Better](#)
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WHY GIVE THANKS? Colossians 1:12-14

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.

RAY PRITCHARD

- [Colossians 1:9-14 How to Pray with Power](#)

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- Colossians 1:13
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- [Colossians 1:22 Devotional \(Feb 10\)](#)
- [Colossians 1:12 Devotional \(Jan 20\)](#)
- [Colossians 1:19 Devotional \(Jan 3\)](#)
- [Colossians 1:20-21 Devotional \(Sept 6\)](#)

RALPH MARTIN

- [Colossians 1:15-20 An Early Christian Hymn](#)

VANCE HAVNER

- [Colossians 1:16 By Him All Things Consist](#)

BOB DEWAAY

- [Colossians 1:13,14 Rescued, Transferred, Redeemed and Forgiven](#) - Exposition

ALAN CARR

- [Colossians 1:18 Who is Jesus?](#)

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JAMES SMITH

- [Colossians 1:20 Peace Made](#)

G CAMPBELL MORGAN

- [Colossians 1:20: Cross: Peace By The Cross \(open Pdf\)](#)

JOSEPH PARKER

- [Colossians 1:20-29 Christ in Christians](#)

J C PHILPOT

- [Colossians 1:21-23 Alienation and Reconciliation](#)

CHARLES C BING

- [Colossians 1:21-23 The Warning of Colossians 1:21-23 \(article from Bibliotheca Sacra\)](#)

DAVE ROPER - Peninsula Bible Church

- [Colossians 1:24-29 The Making of a Disciple - Part III](#)

J R MILLER

- [Colossians 1:29 Devotional \(Oct 3\)](#)
- [Colossians 1:29 Choosing to Do Hard Things](#)
- Colossians 1:24 - Who... fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ. - Colossians 1:24
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 - Peninsula Bible Church

- [Colossians 1:24-29 Christ In You. The Hope Of Glory](#)

OSWALD CHAMBERS

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JAMES HASTINGS

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JOSEPH PARKER

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JAMES BOURNE

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JOSEPH PARKER

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G R BEASLEY-MURRAY

- [The Second Chapter of Colossians \(article in Review & Expositor, 1973\)](#)

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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

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GREG HERRICK

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JOSEPH PARKER

- [Colossians 3 The Hidden Life](#)

HORATIUS BONAR

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- 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

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- [Colossians 3:22-4:1, Ephesians 6:5-9, 1 Peter 2:13-23 Work is Not a Four Letter Word](#) (See also [Work with Vigor](#))

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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

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ANDREW BONAR

- [Colossians 4:12: Epaphras](#)

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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.

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(1898)

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

Cyril Barber - Moule, Handley Carr Glyn. Colossian and Philemon Studies: Lessons in Faith and Holiness. Minneapolis: Klock & Klock Christian Publishers, 1981. One of the most reverent and delightful of expositions extant. By all means, buy it. First published in 1877.

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- See also [The Epistle to Philemon](#) - about 40 pages of Moule's commentary notes
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Comments not strictly verse by verse

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...."

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