

First of Series

Colossians: THE MOST Christ Centered book of the New Testament

THEME the Supremacy of Christ

Key Verse Colossians 2:14

I A book designed to combat the growing heresy

A Minor city 100 miles east of Ephesus situated on a rocky ridge overlooking the Lycus river

B Neighbor of Laodicea, twelve miles north of Laodicea destroyed in an earthquake in the days of Nero

C Paul wrote name is in it three times and the famous handwritten salutation

On the 3rd missionary journey in Acts 19 3 months in the synagogue and 2 years in the school of Tyrannus

Paul had never visited Colossae but had spent three year in Ephesus and most likely the church was founded by Epaphrus (1:4-7;2:1,4:12)

Acts 19:10 and 20:31 Epaphrus probably came to Christ during that time

Church made up of mostly gentiles church was young and did have leadership the threat came from the outside

Greek Speculation Jewish Legalism and Oriental mysticism

II Most Christ book of the Bible

Epaphrus' report prompted this letter.

Colossians Ephesians and Philemon written during the first imprisonment

May have been sent with Onesimus

Parallels with Ephesians

1st doctrinal 2nd practical

RESOUNDING THEME preeminence and sufficiency of Christ

Paul's purpose was to refute the heresy devaluing Christ A proper view of Christ is the antidote for Christ

III PRACTICAL because we are risen in Christ we must put off and put on chapter 3

Two sides of the same coin Supremacy of Christ and Submission to Christ

Completeness of Salvation

Second in Series

Where is Colossae

Who wrote Colossians

How was the church in Colossians most likely founded?

Why was the book written?

What is the book about

Where did Paul write the book

Which book is Colossians a lot like

KEY VERSE : Colossians 2:14 Having wiped out the handwriting against of requirements against us which was contrary to us And He has taken it out of the way having nailed it to the cross

INTRO A WORLD THAT DOES NOT BEAR FRUIT

FALSE TEACHERS EZEKIEL 15 (LUKE 3) Pharisees not bearing fruit the axe is laid to the base

FALSE FRUITS Secret knowledge rule keeping degrading the human body and having special rapturous experiences

WE ARE IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF IT

Paganism is now more deeply entrenched than in the recent past.

The CHURCH may be in the world because it needs to be in the world it doesn't have a choice in the matter

But while we are in the world we are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

SAINTS FAITHFUL BROTHERN

BE A HEALTHY TREE Triad fruit of the spirit

GOAL to bear fruit not a means of salvation but a natural product (Eph 2:8-10)

Found in Romans Galatians I Thessalonians I Peter Hebrews

BEAR FRUIT

FAITH is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen Heb 11:1 memory of the past not just a blind belief or as some in the world say believing in something you know it ain't so

Believing in something that you may not have seen (THOMAS) but the evidence tells us that we know it to be true weather evidence proof or conviction. Something so true you trust it with your life

LOVE

Christ kind of Love BUT GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE TOWARD US IN THAT WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS CHRIST DIED FOR US

I John 4:10 Herein is love not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins

Produces labor

HOPE

The memory of the future Hope is not wishing for something you know won't happen
"Our hope is safe and secure locked away in heaven far from anything that may threaten its integrity"

A memory of the future

SPREAD THE SEED

Gospel you heard spread

Most significant day in Colossae was when Epaphrus brought the gospel

God's plan is those who have the received the seed plant the seed

GOSPEL the good news that Jesus Christ solved the problem of sin through his death burial and resurrection (I Cor 15:3-4)

BE FILLED

TO FILL MEANS to control

WALK Enoch Walked with God and he was not for God Took him

GROW Growth is sometimes immediate and sometimes gradual

MIGHT Might Kratos Growth is the power to overcome resistance this is the kind of weight lifting type of power that can lead to endurance patience and joy in the believers life

POWER Power dunamis powerful (sometimes) explosive transforming power immediate associated with the power of the Holy Spirit

Paul states that the Colossians had received Grace and peace from GOD the Father and from the Son thus denying the heresy that God had no contact with mortal man.

Colossian believers HOLY set apart by God and for God similar to I Peter God calls us a chosen generation a royal priest hood

Faithful believers and brothers THE truth of the Gospel must take root grow so they can remain fruitful

Pray for those who are doing well since they are prone targets for enemy attacks

Grace God's unmerited favor he gives us heaven when we deserve hell grants us forgiveness when we deserve to be forgotten and life when we deserve death

Extra Notes

This book is written to answer heresy but it is not done point by point and step by step attack against the enemy of the gospel but with a positive presentation of the truth