

Presence Theater Church  
Bible Survey  
**Paul's Epistle to the Colossians**

Colossians is perhaps the most \_\_\_\_\_-centered book in the Bible. In it Paul stresses the preeminence of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and the completeness of the salvation He provides.

**Who wrote it?** \_\_\_\_\_ is the writer of this epistle with some assistance from Timothy (1:1).

**Date of writing and Surrounding Circumstances:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Colossians is the \_\_\_\_\_ of four "Prison Epistles" written by Paul. The others are Ephesians, Philippians and Philemon.
- Many believe Paul wrote this letter to combat concepts that later grew into a heretical movement known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Term:** \_\_\_\_\_: Colossians declares the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ in all things, whether of creation or redemption. This teaching was the cure to a deadly heresy facing early believers.

**Location of Events:** Paul wrote Colossians from a prison in Rome approximately 1294 miles away from the city of Colossae. \_\_\_\_\_ and Onesimus delivered Paul's letter from Rome to Colossae (Col. 4:7-9).

- Book Outline:**
- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (1:1-2:23)
    - Paul's Greeting (1:1-14)
    - The preeminence of Christ (1:15-2:3)
    - The Freedom in Christ (2:4-23)
  
  - II. \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ in the Church (3:1-4:18)
    - The Position of the Believer (3:1-4)
    - The Practice of the Believer (3:5-4:6)
    - Conclusion (4:7-18)

**Summary in one sentence:** Jesus Christ is supreme Lord of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the church, and therefore He is the only One through whom forgiveness is possible, making legal obligations or philosophical studies irrelevant in matters of salvation.

**Summary in ten words or less:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Cast of Characters:** *Paul* – an apostle of Christ by the will of God; *Epaphras* – brought the \_\_\_\_\_ to the Colossians; *Aristarchus* – a fellow prisoner of Paul’s; *Jesus, called Justus* – a Jewish Christian who was a great comfort to Paul; *Archippus*– should \_\_\_\_\_ the work the Lord set him to do; *The Colossians* – Should \_\_\_\_\_ themselves with virtues and cover them with love

**Verse to Remember:** “*If then you were \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ, seek those things which are \_\_\_\_\_, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.*” (Colossians 3:1)

- Interesting Facts:**
1. The city of Colossae:
    - Was located about 100 miles east of Ephesus.
    - Was located in the region of the Seven Churches of Asia.
    - Was a populous commerce center, famous for its glossy black wool.
  2. The church at Colossae was established by Epaphras (1:7). At the time of the Colossians letter, Paul had not visited Colossae.

**What is my take away?** Man will always fail in his attempt to diminish the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. As believers we must continue to unapologetically stand for the \_\_\_\_\_ and look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2).