

COLOSSIANS⁴

Author: Paul, the Apostle

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Recipients: the Church at Colosse

Theme: The Glory and Dignity of Christ

Key Verse: 2:8

“See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.”

- I. Paul’s Concern for the Colossians (1:1-4)
 1. Concerned for their Knowledge (1:9)
 2. Concerned for their Walk (1:10)
 3. Concerned for their Fulfillment (1:11)
 4. Concerned for their Thankfulness (1:12-14)

- II. Paul Magnifies Christ (1:15-23).
 1. Christ Possesses Certain Relationships (1:15-18).
 2. Christ Possesses Certain Responsibilities (1:19-23)

- III. Paul Acknowledges His Ministry (1:24-2:3).
 1. He Suffers for the Church (1:24).
 2. He Ministers to the Church (1:25-2:3).

- IV. Paul Activates His Ministry (2:4-8).
 1. He Demonstrates Personal Concern (2:4-5).
 2. He Admonishes the Colossians (2:6-7).
 3. He Warns Against an Adversary (2:8).

- V. The Believer has Position in Christ (2:9-4:1).
 1. His Position is Doctrinally Stated (2:9-15).
 2. His Position is Practically Applied (2:16-4:1).

- VI. Paul Offers a Spiritual Summation (4:2-6).

- VII. Paul Concludes with Personal Notations (4:7-18).