

# Colossians

## Theme: Fullness in Christ

### Weekly Reading Schedule

- Sunday - Colossians 1
- Monday - Colossians 2
- Tuesday - Colossians 3
- Wed. - Colossians 4
- Thurs, - Colossians 1-4
- Friday - Colossians 1-4
- Saturday - Colossians & Ephesians to compare similarities

### Memory Verses:

- ★ Colossians 1:18
- ★ Colossians 2:8-9
- ★ Colossians 2:11-14
- ★ Colossians 3:1-3
- ★ Colossians 3:16-17
- ★ Colossians 3:20
- ★ Colossians 4:5-6
- ★ Your choice \_\_\_\_\_

### Interesting Facts

- ❖ Colossians has 4 chapters, 95 verses, 1979 words, and can be read by the average reader in 13 minutes.
- ❖ The emphasis on Christ is seen in "Christ" occurring 19 times with 53 additional references to him.
- ❖ Written by Paul from Rome in about 62 AD.
- ❖ Great theme of Christ and the Church/unity.
- ❖ One of four prison epistles written by Paul from Rome.
- ❖ So similar to Ephesians that some suggest Paul wrote them the same day.
- ❖ Key idea is the preeminence of Christ Jesus in all things as manifest in the Church.
- ❖ Philemon lived in Colossae.
- ❖ Paul had never been in Colossae (2:1).
- ❖ The identity of the Colossian heresy is an important introductory issue of the book.

### Memorable Outline of Colossians

Introduction: (1:1-14)

- I. The Supremacy of Christ (1:15-23)
- II. The Ministry of Paul (1:24-2:7)
- III. Warning against Error (2:8-23)
- IV. Appeal for Christian Living (3:1-4:6)

Conclusion: (4:7-18)

### Scheme of Redemption

The Preeminence of the Redeemer

Colossians 1:14-22 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:...And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have preeminence....to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight."

### What to Look for as You Read

- **The similarity of the book to Ephesians in its many parallel passages.**
- **The beautiful expression of the preeminence of Christ.**
- **The authority of Christ.**
- **Personal greetings of significance.**

### Notes