



“A Life Worth Living”

that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, *Colossians 1:10*

AN OUTLINE OF COLOSSIANS

Chapter 1	Doctrine	Christ’s Pre-eminence Declared
Chapter 2	Danger	Christ’s Pre-eminence Defended
Chapter 3	Duty	Christ’s Pre-eminence Demonstrated

Why did Paul write this letter?

The “Colossian Heresy” involved...

- 1 Gnosticism: false thinking – Col. 2:8
- 2 Jewish Ceremonialism: false works – Col. 2:16-17
- 3 Angel Worship: false worship – Col. 2:18
- 4 Asceticism: false sacrifice – Col. 2:20-23

Colossians 1:1

“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God and Timothy our brother to the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae.”

Timothy is named 24 times in the New Testament.

We are writing to God’s holy people **in the city of Colossae**, who are faithful brothers and sisters **in Christ**. *Colossians 1:1b*

“in Christ in Colossae.”

Key principal: We are believers in Jesus Christ and God has put us as believers in Christ in the middle of the world to be an influence, to make a difference.

I. The Process of Faith, Hope and Love

For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God’s people, 5 which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News. *Colossians 1:4,5*

The process begins with _____

_____ draws us to _____

_____ leads us to _____

Where does hope come from?

(faith and love)which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News. *Colossians 1:5*

ii. The Purpose of God’s Will in Our Lives

... We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. *Colossians 1:9*

“spiritual wisdom “means _____

“understanding” is the _____

Key Lesson:

Don’t try to skip from **what God wants us to be** and try to go straight to “**God, what do You want me to do?**”

Remember:

He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. 13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, 14 who purchased our freedom (with His suffering and His death) and forgave our sins. *Colossians 1:12-14*

Therefore: “live a life worthy of the Lord” *Colossians 1:10*