




COLOSSIANS



COLOSSIANS 1
24-29

REVIEW / BACKGROUND

WEEK 1 – COLOSSIANS 1:3–14

6 THIS SAME GOOD NEWS THAT CAME TO YOU IS GOING OUT ALL OVER THE WORLD. IT IS BEARING FRUIT EVERYWHERE BY CHANGING LIVES, JUST AS IT CHANGED YOUR LIVES FROM THE DAY YOU FIRST HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD'S WONDERFUL GRACE.

- **COLOSSIANS WAS WRITTEN IN 62 AD, APPROXIMATELY 2–3 YEARS BEFORE PAUL'S DEATH.**
- **BY THIS POINT IN TIME, 30 YEARS HAS PASSED SINCE JESUS' CRUCIFIXION AND THE EVENTS IN THE BEGINNING OF THE BOOK OF ACTS.**
- **THE GOSPEL HAS SPREAD INTO EASTERN EUROPE, NORTH AFRICA, AND WESTERN ASIA.**

WEEK 2 – COLOSSIANS 1:3–14

15 CHRIST IS THE VISIBLE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD. HE EXISTED BEFORE ANYTHING WAS CREATED AND IS SUPREME OVER ALL CREATION, 16 FOR THROUGH HIM GOD CREATED EVERYTHING IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS AND ON EARTH. HE MADE THE THINGS WE CAN SEE AND THE THINGS WE CAN'T SEE —SUCH AS THRONES, KINGDOMS, RULERS, AND AUTHORITIES IN THE UNSEEN WORLD. EVERYTHING WAS CREATED THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM. 17 HE EXISTED BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE, AND HE HOLDS ALL CREATION TOGETHER. 18 CHRIST IS ALSO THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, WHICH IS HIS BODY. HE IS THE BEGINNING,

- **JESUS IS GOD IN THE FLESH**
- **JESUS WAS THERE IN THE BEGINNING (JOHN 1) (HEBREWS 1)**
- **THERE WAS NOTHING BEFORE GOD**
- **CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH AND REIGNS SUPREME OVER ALL OF CREATION.**



MAIN POINTS

SUFFERING FOR CHRIST REQUIRES SACRIFICE.

- **IF YOU'RE NOT SUFFERING, CHANCES ARE YOU'RE NOT SACRIFICING.**

OUR CONFIRMATION COMES FROM OUR CONSECRATION.

- **CONSECRATION: DECLARED OR SET APART AS HOLY AND/OR SACRED**

HOW DO WE KNOW ARE GOD'S PEOPLE?

- **WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT**
- **IT'S THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT TRANSFORMS US FROM WITHIN, AS WE GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST.**

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COLOSSIANS 1:24 NLT

24 I AM GLAD WHEN I SUFFER FOR YOU IN MY BODY, FOR I AM PARTICIPATING IN THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST THAT CONTINUE FOR HIS BODY, THE CHURCH.

- **WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO SUFFER FOR CHRIST TODAY?**
- **WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SACRIFICED SOMETHING PURELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOMEONE ELSE?**
- **SUFFERING FOR CHRIST IS EXPECTED.**
- **SUFFERING FOR CHRIST IS A PRIVILEGE.**

MAIN POINT:

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SACRIFICING.**

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

PHILIPPIANS 1:29-30 | JOHN 15:18-20 | JAMES 1:2



COLOSSIANS 1:25 NLT

**25 GOD HAS GIVEN ME THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF SERVING HIS CHURCH BY PROCLAIMING
HIS ENTIRE MESSAGE TO YOU.**

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COLOSSIANS 1:26-27 NLT

26 THIS MESSAGE WAS KEPT SECRET FOR CENTURIES AND GENERATIONS PAST, BUT NOW IT HAS BEEN REVEALED TO GOD'S PEOPLE. 27 FOR GOD WANTED THEM TO KNOW THAT THE RICHES AND GLORY OF CHRIST ARE FOR YOU GENTILES, TOO. AND THIS IS THE SECRET: CHRIST LIVES IN YOU. THIS GIVES YOU ASSURANCE OF SHARING HIS GLORY.

- **GENTILE:** ANY ETHNIC GROUP THAT IS NOT JEWISH.
- **CONSECRATION:** DECLARED OR SET APART AS HOLY AND/OR SACRED

MAIN POINTS:

OUR CONFIRMATION COMES FROM OUR CONSECRATION.

HOW DO WE KNOW WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE?

- 1) WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT
- 2) IT'S THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT TRANSFORMS US AS WE GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

**DEUTERONOMY 18:15-19 | ISAIAH 9:6 | ISAIAH 53:1-12
1 CORINTHIANS 3:6 | 1 JOHN 4:13-17**

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COLOSSIANS 1:28-29 NLT

28 SO WE TELL OTHERS ABOUT CHRIST, WARNING EVERYONE AND TEACHING EVERYONE WITH ALL THE WISDOM GOD HAS GIVEN US. WE WANT TO PRESENT THEM TO GOD, PERFECT IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST. 29 THAT'S WHY I WORK AND STRUGGLE SO HARD, DEPENDING ON CHRIST'S MIGHTY POWER THAT WORKS WITHIN ME.

PAUL EXPLAINS 4 WAYS WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN CHRIST. (VS 28-29)

1) WE ARE CALLED TO PROCLAIM CHRIST TO THE WORLD.

2) WE ARE CALLED TO WARN & COUNSEL PEOPLE.

3) WE ARE CALLED TO TEACH / INSTRUCT PEOPLE.

4) WE ARE CALLED TO MATURE & GROW IN OUR FAITH & KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST.



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MESSAGE DISCUSSION

Q. WHAT HAS CONVICTED YOU, CHALLENGED YOU OR STOOD OUT TO YOU FROM OUR MESSAGES OR THE SCRIPTURE IN COLOSSIANS 1 SO FAR?

COLOSSIANS 1:24–25

Q. WHAT IS THE CONNECTION TO SUFFERING AND FOLLOWING JESUS? HOW DOES SUFFERING REQUIRE SACRIFICE?

Q. WHAT ARE SOME WAYS WE COULD FACE SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF FOLLOWING JESUS?

Q. WHY DO WE TEND TO VIEW SUFFERING AS A BAD THING INSTEAD OF A GOOD THING IN OUR OWN LIVES?

Q. WHY SHOULD SUFFERING FOR CHRIST BE VIEWED AS A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOR?

COLOSSIANS 1:26–29

Q. HAVE YOU EVER STRUGGLED WITH KNOWING IF YOU ARE PART OF GOD'S FAMILY? HOW DOES SCRIPTURE GIVE US CONFIRMATION WHETHER WE ARE CONSIDERED GOD'S PEOPLE OR NOT?

Q. WHAT ARE THE FOUR AREAS PAUL MENTIONS? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR US TO LIVE OUT THESE 4 AREAS IN OUR OWN LIVES?

Q. HOW & WHY DID GOD CHOOSE FOR US TO BE A PART OF HIS PLAN TO CARRY OUT THE GOSPEL?

Q. HOW DOES THE LACK OF GROWING SPIRITUALLY HURT OUR WITNESS TO THE WORLD? WHAT ARE SOME WAYS WE CAN GROW IN OUR WALK WITH CHRIST?



PERSONAL DISCUSSION

Q. HOW HAS GOD BEEN MOVING IN YOUR LIFE?

Q. HOW IS YOUR FAITH BEING STRETCHED?

Q. WHAT ARE SOME AREAS YOU NEED TO GROW IN SPIRITUALLY OR SOME AREAS GOD HAS BEEN AT WORK IN YOU?

Q. WHAT STEPS OR CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE IN YOUR LIFE TO HELP YOU GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST?

Q. WHAT AREAS ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH | WHERE DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

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