



An Overview of Colossians!

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Author

1. **Paul** is the primary author.
2. Paul was under house arrest in **Rome** at the time he wrote the letter.

Recipient

1. The letter was written to the church in the city of **Colossae**.
2. The city of Colossae was going through really tough **economic** times.
3. The letter was intended to reach the **other** cities around Colossae.
4. The letter written to the church at Colossae has ties to the letters Paul wrote to the church of **Ephesus** and to **Philemon**.

Reasons for the Letter

1. Twisted teaching with a **Jewish** influence had begun to infiltrate the church.
2. Paul wanted to Colossian believers to live according to their **identity** in Christ.

Major Theme of the Letter

1. Be **rooted** in the Gospel that teaches us to look to the **supremacy** and **sufficiency** of Christ in both our salvation and sanctification.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read through the whole book of Colossians aloud. What initial observations come up in the reading?
2. What questions come to mind after reading this book?
3. What was most interesting to you regarding the background of the book of Colossians?
4. What do you think is the significance of Paul writing this particular letter with his own hand?
5. What is the difference between Christ being a part of your life, even if He is the most important part, and Christ being your life (Col. 3:3-4)?
6. In what ways do we live and think that demonstrate we don't always cling to the sufficiency of Christ?
7. What action are you going to do as a result of the message?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Consider joining an elective. They meet most Sundays at 11am.
4. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

April 2023 (Two Year Reading Plan, Month 16)			
Week 1 Starting April 3	Week 2 Starting April 10	Week 3 Starting April 17	Week 4 Starting April 24
Day 1: 1 Chronicles 21-22	Day 1: 2 Chronicles 1-3	Day 1: 2 Chronicles 13-14	Day 1: 2 Chronicles 24-25
Day 2: 1 Chronicles 23-24	Day 2: 2 Chronicles 4-5	Day 2: 2 Chronicles 15-17	Day 2: 2 Chronicles 26-27
Day 3: 1 Chronicles 25-26	Day 3: 2 Chronicles 6-7	Day 3: 2 Chronicles 18-19	Day 3: 2 Chronicles 28-29
Day 4: 1 Chronicles 27-28	Day 4: 2 Chronicles 8-9	Day 4: 2 Chronicles 20-21	Day 4: 2 Chronicles 30
Day 5: 1 Chronicles 29	Day 5: 2 Chronicles 10-12	Day 5: 2 Chronicles 22-23	Day 5: 2 Chronicles 31-32

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matt 28:18-20 (ESV)

What are you going to do as a result of the message this morning?