

Introduction to Colossians

Opening

1) Who Wrote Colossians? (Colossians 1:1)

- 1) Paul
- 2) *Timothy*

2) Who Received Colossians? (1:2)

3) Outline of Colossians

- 1) (1:1-2) *Introduction*
- 2) (1:3-23) *Paul's Thanksgiving and Christ's Hymn*
- 3) (1:24-2:5) *Paul's Faithfulness to the Gospel and Church*
- 4) (2:6-23) *Keep Connected to Christ*
- 5) (3:1-4:1) *Christian Living in Light of the Gospel*
- 6) (4:2-6) *Teaching on Prayer*
- 7) (4:7-18) *Conclusion*

4) Why Was Colossians Written?

Dangerous issues facing the church in Colossae in brief

- 1) 2:8 – *an empty and deceptive philosophy*
- 2) 2:8, 22 – *according to human tradition*
- 3) 2:8 – *do not depend upon Christ*
- 4) 2:16 – *requirement of adhering to certain food laws and ceremonies*
- 5) 2:18 – *practices to show spirituality*
- 6) 2:8, 18, 22 – *worship of angels*
- 7) 2:18 – *emphasis upon visions*
- 8) 2:11, 13 – *circumcision distortion*

5) Major Themes in Colossians

- 1) *Jesus*
- 3) *The Church*
- 4) *Christian Living*
- 5) *Christian Life in the Family and Workplace*

Application

1) The Supremacy of Jesus

2) The Supremacy of the Gospel