

## Review of Colossians

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Colossians 1:15-20 ESV

### The Preeminence of Christ

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

### Introduction

- who is the \_\_\_\_\_ human of all time?
- that depends who is answering the \_\_\_\_\_!
- if you do a couple of internet searches you will see some \_\_\_\_\_ show up consistently on these lists of the greatest humans of all \_\_\_\_\_
- Charles Darwin, Galileo, Martin Luther King Jr, Gandhi, George Washington all make many of these lists
- surprisingly, one list even had Adolf Hitler as one of the greatest humans of all time
- according to the \_\_\_\_\_ "Top Tens" here is their list of the Top Ten Greatest Humans of all time!

- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ the Apostle – who wrote Colossians
- 9) Aristotle – famous Philosopher
- 8) Shakespeare – a British author
- 7) Napoleon – a French \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Buddha – the \_\_\_\_\_ who started Buddhism
- 5) Abraham Lincoln – president of the United States
- 4) Albert Einstein – famous scientist
- 3) Isaac Newton – famous scientist
- 2) Muhammed – the man who started Islam
- 1) Jesus Christ – who is Lord and has \_\_\_\_\_ authority, He is supreme over creation and the church

- even the internet declares that \_\_\_\_\_ is Supreme!
- but you do not need the "Top Tens" website to know that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_
- all you would have to do is \_\_\_\_\_ up the book of Colossians
- in this sermon we are going to do a quick \_\_\_\_\_ of this book and \_\_\_\_\_ the truths found in Colossians just one more time!

## 1) Who Wrote Colossians

- in Colossians 1:1 we see that there are \_\_\_\_\_ authors

**Colossians 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother

### a) Paul

- prior to his conversion, \_\_\_\_\_ was a very religious and strict \_\_\_\_\_ who followed the teachings of the Pharisees
- and Paul was a serious \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ and the church
- but the \_\_\_\_\_ met Paul on the road to Damascus while Paul was on his way to \_\_\_\_\_ more Christians
- the Lord intervened and (in Acts 9) his life is \_\_\_\_\_ forever
- the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the direction of Paul's life from a person who persecuted Christians to a person who \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel
- hear what the Lord says about Paul

**Acts 9:15** But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a \_\_\_\_\_ instrument of mine to carry my name before the \_\_\_\_\_ and kings and the children of Israel.

- Colossians 1:1 says that Paul is "an \_\_\_\_\_ by the will of God"
- it was God's will to \_\_\_\_\_ Paul's heart, restore him back to God so that he could be a \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord Jesus Christ to all kinds of people

- Paul wrote the book of \_\_\_\_\_ while he was in prison in Rome
- Paul did not first preach the gospel to this church, that \_\_\_\_\_ was Epaphras
- Paul did preach to the city of Ephesus which is very close to Colossae in the book of \_\_\_\_\_

### b) Timothy

- he was a half \_\_\_\_\_ and Half Jewish Christian who learned about the Lord Jesus from his \_\_\_\_\_ and grandmother

**2 Timothy 1:5** I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your \_\_\_\_\_ mother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, \_\_\_\_\_ in you as well.

- Timothy served in gospel \_\_\_\_\_ alongside of Paul; accompanying Paul on his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey
- we also know that Paul continued to \_\_\_\_\_ and encourage Timothy from the contents of the two \_\_\_\_\_ written to him called 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy

## 2) Who Received Colossians

### a) Colossae

**Colossians 1:2** To the \_\_\_\_\_ and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

- the city of Colossae had two important \_\_\_\_\_ routes passed through it
- one road led to the important port city of Ephesus and the other road went North to the city of \_\_\_\_\_ in what is modern day Turkey
- goods coming from the East would have to \_\_\_\_\_ through Colossae to get to the Ephesus



- it is thought that Colossae was a city that had many different \_\_\_\_\_ , religions and ideologies
- unfortunately Colossae suffered a massive \_\_\_\_\_ quake and this devastated the city and it was never rebuilt

### b) the church

- how Paul describes the \_\_\_\_\_ at Colossae is very important
  - i) they are \_\_\_\_\_ – this means that they have been made \_\_\_\_\_ by the work of Jesus Christ
  - ii) they are \_\_\_\_\_ brothers – this means that by God’s grace they have been brought into the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- they are faithful which means that they are \_\_\_\_\_ believers and live for the Lord Jesus Christ

iii) they are \_\_\_\_\_ Christ at Colossae

- Paul is reminding these Christians that although they \_\_\_\_\_ in the city of Colossae, that is not their ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ or identity

- because of the grace and work of Jesus Christ they \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ

- they \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ, they are Christ's!

- finally, Colossae is not their true home but they have a hope of their \_\_\_\_\_ home stored up for them in \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) Reasons Why Paul Wrote Colossians

#### a) \_\_\_\_\_ Teachers

- Paul deals with the false \_\_\_\_\_ in Colossians 2:8 and 2:16-23

- the false teachers were trying to lead this congregation \_\_\_\_\_ from the greatness of Jesus Christ and to buy into a \_\_\_\_\_ ideology that focused upon Judaism and legalistic \_\_\_\_\_

- these \_\_\_\_\_ teachers were instructing the Colossians to find \_\_\_\_\_ in following certain Jewish food and religious laws

#### b) \_\_\_\_\_ the Supremacy of Jesus

- Paul writes this book to \_\_\_\_\_ the Colossians of the greatness of Jesus

- all of Paul's letters teach the greatness of Jesus Christ but in Colossians the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus is a huge emphasis

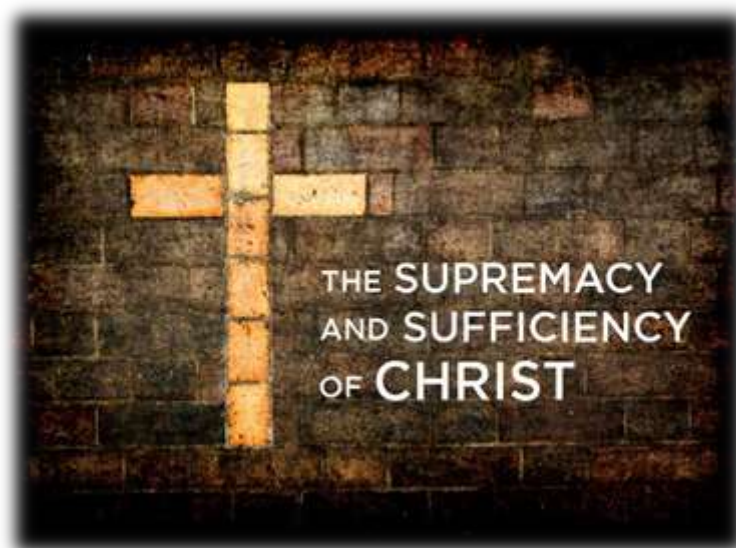
#### c) \_\_\_\_\_ the Colossian Church

- this church was facing false teachers from \_\_\_\_\_ and a sinful evil \_\_\_\_\_ on the outside

- because of this, the church at Colossae needed encouragement and \_\_\_\_\_ from Paul

- Paul does not want this church falling into the \_\_\_\_\_ that was being preached by the false teachers

- Paul certainly does not want this church falling into \_\_\_\_\_ because of the influence of the sinful culture around Colossae



#### 4) Outline of Colossians

##### 1) (1:1-2) Introduction

##### 2) (1:3-23) Paul's Thanksgiving, Prayer and Christ's \_\_\_\_\_

- Paul gives \_\_\_\_\_ to God for His work among the Colossians
- the Lord gets the thanks and the \_\_\_\_\_ because of the Lord's work among the Colossians
- in Colossians 1:9-11 Paul \_\_\_\_\_ that the Colossians would grow in the Lord
- in Colossians 1:15-20 Paul writes of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ with a three point hymn
  - a) Jesus is supreme over \_\_\_\_\_ - all things are created through Jesus and for Jesus
  - b) Jesus is supreme over the \_\_\_\_\_ - Jesus is the ultimate authority of the church
  - c) Jesus is supreme over \_\_\_\_\_ - Jesus by His death upon the cross makes peace and brings reconciliation between \_\_\_\_\_ people and God
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus could accomplish this
- in Colossians 1:21-23, Paul applies the gospel by \_\_\_\_\_ the Colossians to remain steadfast in Jesus Christ

##### 3) (1:24-2:5) Paul's Faithfulness to the Gospel and Church

- 1:24-29 Paul speaks about his ministry of the \_\_\_\_\_ to the church in general
- 2:1-5 Paul speaks about his ministry among the Colossians for their \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ

##### 4) (2:6-23) Keep Connected to Christ

- in Colossians 2:6-7, Paul calls the Colossians to \_\_\_\_\_ to be connected to Jesus Christ since they have received Him as \_\_\_\_\_
- Paul deals with the false teachers calling them out, by declaring that they are teaching a \_\_\_\_\_ and deceptive philosophy
- Paul then speaks about the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (Colossians 2:9-15) just as we saw in the hymn in Colossians 1:15-20
- finally Paul deals with all the \_\_\_\_\_ teachings that this church is struggling with in Colossians 2:16-23

##### 5) (3:1-4:1) Christian Living in Light of the Gospel

- this section focuses on how to \_\_\_\_\_ as a followers of Jesus Christ
- 3:1-4 - Christians are \_\_\_\_\_ to think heavenly thoughts
- 3:5-11 - Christians are commanded to put to \_\_\_\_\_ and put away sin
- 3:12-14 - Christians are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ godly characteristics
- in Colossians 3:15-4:1 we see that the Christian is to \_\_\_\_\_ every part of their life according to the supremacy of \_\_\_\_\_ Christ

#### 6) (4:2-6) Teaching on \_\_\_\_\_

- Paul calls them to pray that the gospel would \_\_\_\_\_ and he commands them to live in such a way that \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ and His grace

#### 7) (4:7-18) Conclusion

- Paul concludes this letter with \_\_\_\_\_ , updates from Christian workers and gives his final blessing of \_\_\_\_\_

### 5) Important Themes in Colossians

#### a) Supremacy of Jesus Christ

- even if you just did a quick reading of the book of Colossians, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ would be very obvious to you

- Jesus is called “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” many times in this book

- this means that Jesus is God and \_\_\_\_\_ over all creation

- we see the supremacy of Jesus Christ when Paul writes that the Father \_\_\_\_\_ all things through Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:16)

- the Father made all of \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:16)

- this means that the most important thing for creation to do is to \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ

- Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ all of creation (Colossians 1:17), which means that the Lord Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ over all of creation and everything that happens is brought \_\_\_\_\_ by His sovereign hand

- Jesus is the head of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 1:18) but even more than that, Jesus is the head of all rule and authority

**Colossians 2:10** and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and \_\_\_\_\_ .

- practically speaking we have rulers in our world that are powerful but the Lord Jesus is more powerful and \_\_\_\_\_ over them

- we also see in the book of Colossians that Jesus is declared as \_\_\_\_\_ God

- you cannot read the book of Colossians and miss that Paul declares that Jesus is equal with God and thus \_\_\_\_\_ is God

**Colossians 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**Colossians 2:9** For in him the whole fullness of \_\_\_\_\_ dwells bodily,

- Paul also declares that Jesus is all and is in all (Colossians 3:11)

- Paul makes the truth about Jesus Christ very clear, Jesus is all that matters

**b) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

- it is very important that as \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ we savour and relish the person and work of the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ

- we sometimes, as believers, loose our footing because we \_\_\_\_\_ about the wonderful and matchless grace of Jesus

- let us \_\_\_\_\_ again the work of the Lord Jesus Christ that He \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Cross

i) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

- we as humans, apart from the grace of God, are in a terrible place

- this is a place of alienation and estrangement from God

- truly every person who is born, apart from the work of the Holy Spirit, remains in this darkness

- but Jesus Saves, Jesus saves!

- Jesus rescues His people by means of His work upon the Cross by delivering His people from the domain of darkness

- furthermore, Jesus transfers them to the beloved Kingdom of God the Father

**Colossians 1:12-13** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

- because of Christ we have this wonderful inheritance because we now belong to the family of God and to God Himself

ii) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

- in Jesus we have redemption and this means that we are brought from \_\_\_\_\_ the authority of sin and now \_\_\_\_\_ under God's grace

- this \_\_\_\_\_ that God provides through Jesus Christ gives us the blessing of \_\_\_\_\_ sins

**Colossians 1:14** in whom we have redemption, the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins.

iii) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

- our sin alienates us from God, our sin puts us at \_\_\_\_\_ with God and our sin separates us from God

- because of our sin we have a \_\_\_\_\_ fellowship with God

- but through Jesus Christ, we can be in \_\_\_\_\_ fellowship with God through Christ's

work upon the cross

- Jesus Christ makes \_\_\_\_\_ between us and God through His work upon the Cross
- Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ us back to God through His work upon the Cross

**Colossians 1:20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the \_\_\_\_\_ of his cross.

iv) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

- all humans are born into sin and are \_\_\_\_\_ in sin
- but the believer in Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ new life because of Christ's work upon the cross
- through Jesus Christ we pass from death to \_\_\_\_\_

**Colossians 2:13** And you, who were \_\_\_\_\_ in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made \_\_\_\_\_ together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

### c) Holy Living in Jesus Christ

- Jesus and His \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Cross changes people even though they are sinful
- when you receive the grace of Jesus you are \_\_\_\_\_ the same again
- God gives to you a \_\_\_\_\_ attitude towards sin
- this means that if you have been changed by the Lord Jesus you are not what you \_\_\_\_\_ to be, Jesus gives you a \_\_\_\_\_ of flesh in place of your heart of \_\_\_\_\_
- because of the gospel and the work of Jesus Christ in your life, you are commanded to live a \_\_\_\_\_ life
- let us look at three verses that are \_\_\_\_\_ important!

**Colossians 3:5** Put to \_\_\_\_\_ therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

**Colossians 3:8** But now you must put them all \_\_\_\_\_ : anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth

**Colossians 3:12** Put \_\_\_\_\_ then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

- these three verses point us back to the wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ realities
- because Jesus Christ has given you life, you have been \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ, and you are reconciled back to God through Christ, now we are to do 3 things

i) put \_\_\_\_\_ sin

- we are to avoid sin and to get \_\_\_\_\_ of the sin in our lives

ii) put \_\_\_\_\_ sin

- we are not to go \_\_\_\_\_ to sin and we are to rid ourselves of that sin that remains

iii) put \_\_\_\_\_ the godly characteristics

- we are to put on the godly characteristics

- because we are \_\_\_\_\_ by God, loved by God we are to put on the \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle that the Lord has for us



## d) Thankfulness and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Christian Life

- thankfulness and prayer is a huge \_\_\_\_\_ in this book
  - this letter starts with \_\_\_\_\_ thanking God for His work among the Colossians (Colossians 1:3)
  - Paul commands these Christians to be \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the Colossians
  - Paul calls the Colossians to \_\_\_\_\_ thanks to God for the work of Christ in \_\_\_\_\_ from sin (Colossians 1:12)
  - since we have \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as Lord we are to \_\_\_\_\_ in thankfulness (Colossians 2:7)
- Colossians 3:17** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ thanks to God the Father through him.
- as we pray, we are to continue \_\_\_\_\_ in thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2)
  - because the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ powerful, we \_\_\_\_\_ cry out to God, who will answer our prayer and \_\_\_\_\_ us to grow in grace and become more Christ-like
  - Paul \_\_\_\_\_ for the Colossian's spiritual growth in Colossians 1:9-11
  - Epaphras, follows the example of Paul, and is \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer for the spiritual growth of the Colossians (Colossians 4:12)

## Application

### 1) Jesus is Still Supreme

- although I was happy to see Jesus recognized as \_\_\_\_\_, whether a website like "top tens" thinks Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ human or not, that is completely irrelevant because:
    - a) Jesus has always been supreme and will \_\_\_\_\_ be supreme (Colossians 1:15-20)
    - b) Jesus reigns and will \_\_\_\_\_ continue to reign over all the earth
    - c) Jesus is all that \_\_\_\_\_ and Jesus will continue to be all that matters (Colossians 3:11)
  - therefore popular opinion should not \_\_\_\_\_ our view on the greatness of Jesus Christ
  - but practically speaking the amazing \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is supreme should \_\_\_\_\_ every area of our life
  - if Jesus is supreme then we \_\_\_\_\_ to take His word seriously and seriously follow and \_\_\_\_\_ it
  - if Jesus is supreme then we ought to \_\_\_\_\_ a people who worship Jesus with passion and \_\_\_\_\_
  - if Jesus is supreme then we ought to \_\_\_\_\_ what the Bible says about our sin condition and \_\_\_\_\_ our sin to Jesus Christ so that we can be cleansed from wickedness
  - if Jesus is supreme then we ought to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ and trust His work done for us on the Cross so that we can experience \_\_\_\_\_ life
  - the apostle John \_\_\_\_\_ the same truths about Jesus
- John 1:3-5** All things were made through him, and without him was not \_\_\_\_\_ made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the \_\_\_\_\_ of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

## 2) Believe the Good News of Jesus

- many people \_\_\_\_\_ to believe in God and will even profess that they believe in the Lord Jesus
  - but one aspect of a person's life reveals if they \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Jesus and that aspect is having a \_\_\_\_\_ for sin and a recognition that \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus can deal with their sin
  - maybe you have been with Christ your whole life or maybe you just became a Christian, in either case, you still \_\_\_\_\_ the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ everyday
  - you never outgrow the grace of Christ, you never stop \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ and His work
  - we see this in the book of Colossians, Paul \_\_\_\_\_ God for His work among these Christians and yet Paul \_\_\_\_\_ to explain the good news of Jesus Christ to them because they still needed Christ
  - yes Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ , redeems, reconciles and regenerates! Amen
  - but we always need Jesus Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_ because we continue to sin and break the law of God
  - thank you Jesus for your wonderful grace and \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - if you are outside of Jesus Christ, if you do not \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ and if you have not trusting in Christ alone to deal with your \_\_\_\_\_ before a holy God, today is the day to turn to Christ and trust Christ
  - ask God to \_\_\_\_\_ you through Jesus Christ
  - forsake and turn from your sin and cling to Jesus Christ who can \_\_\_\_\_ you back to God
- Hebrews 10:10** And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- find \_\_\_\_\_ in no one else but Jesus Christ because He is all that \_\_\_\_\_

## 3) Live for Jesus

- Colossians 2:6-7 is the condensed version of the Christian life

**Colossians 2:6-7** Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

- if Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ you from sin then you must live for Him
- if Jesus has redeemed you then you must put to \_\_\_\_\_ sin
- if Jesus has reconciled you to God then you must think thoughts that \_\_\_\_\_ God
- if Jesus has regenerated you then you must put \_\_\_\_\_ sin, put away sin and put on godliness
- because of the greatness and the grace of Jesus Christ we must order \_\_\_\_\_ area of our life according to Jesus Christ
- our marriage must be \_\_\_\_\_ the supremacy of Jesus Christ
- our \_\_\_\_\_ must be under the supremacy of Jesus Christ
- our jobs must be under the supremacy of \_\_\_\_\_ Christ
  
- Jesus is supreme so let us \_\_\_\_\_ for His glory!

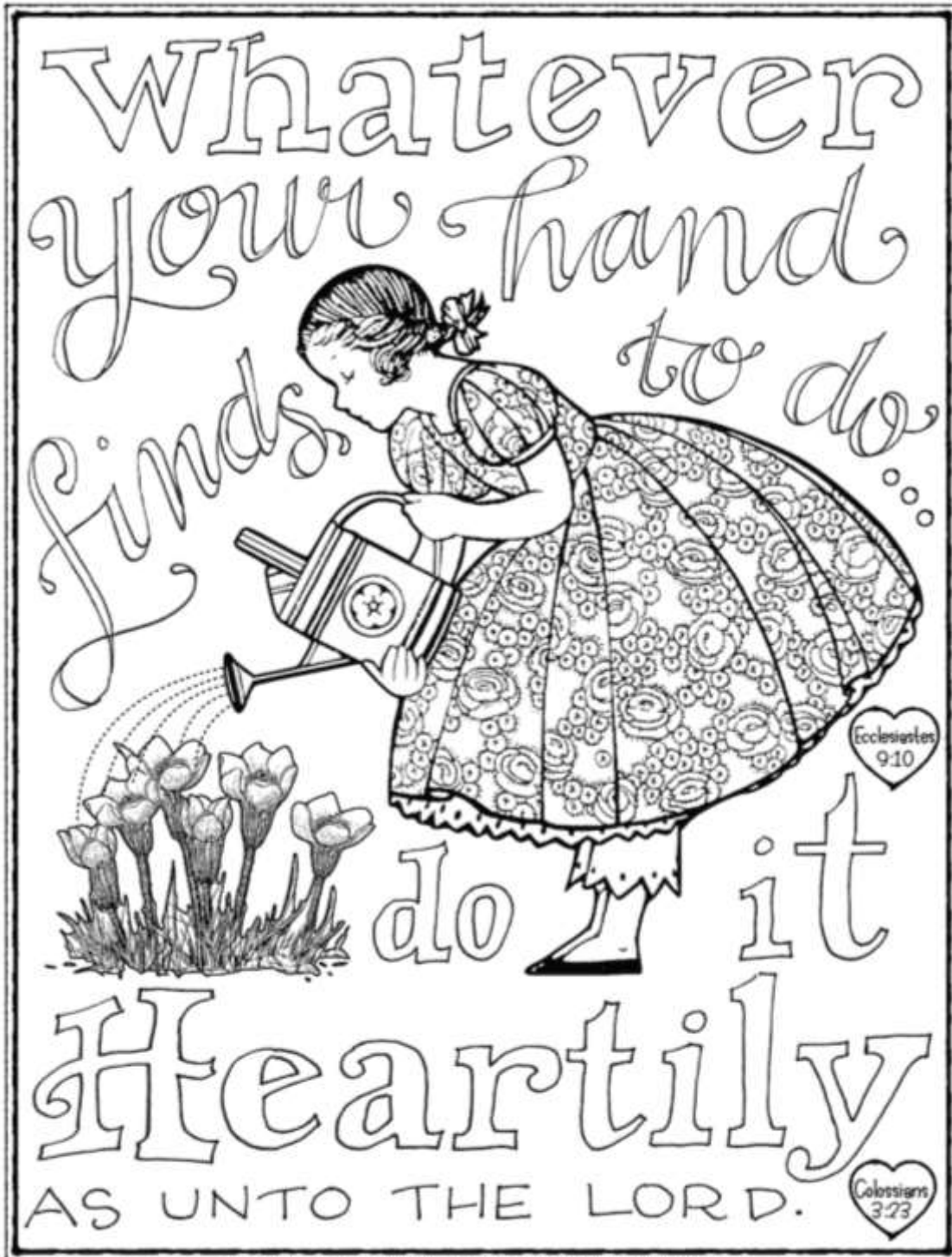
**Sunday – June 12**

- **Review of Colossians**
- **Testimonies, Membership Vote and Covenant for new members**

**The Following Sunday – June 19**

- **The Importance of the Local Church Ephesians 4:**
- **Father's Day**

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## REVIEW OF COLOSSIANS

### 1) Who Wrote Colossians

- a) Paul
- b) Timothy

### 2) Who Received Colossians

- a) Colossae
- b) the church
  - i) they are saints
  - ii) they are faithful brothers
  - iii) they are in Christ

### 3) Reasons Why Paul Wrote Colossians

- a) False Teachers
- b) Teach the Supremacy of Jesus
- c) Encourage the Colossian Church

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- 7) (4:7-18) Conclusion

### 5) Important Themes in Colossians

- a) Supremacy of Jesus Christ
- b) Power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
  - i) Jesus Rescues
  - ii) Jesus Redeems
  - iii) Jesus Reconciles
  - iv) Jesus Regenerates
- c) Holy Living in Jesus Christ
  - i) put off sin
  - ii) put away sin
  - iii) put on the godly characteristics
- d) Thankfulness and Prayer in the Christian Life

## Application

### 1) Jesus is Still Supreme

- a) Jesus has always been and will always be supreme (Colossians 1:15-20)
- b) Jesus reigns and will continue to reign over all the earth forever
- c) Jesus is all that matters and Jesus will continue to be all that matters (Colossians 3:11)

### 2) Believe the Good News of Jesus

### 3) Live for Jesus