

# Colossians

Order in New Testament

12 Written about 60-62 AD

Number of Chapters

4

Historical Setting

Paul had never visited Colosse but had heard of their faith

## OVERVIEW:

Written by:

The Apostle Paul. It is one of his letters written from Rome while he was imprisoned

Written to:

The Assembly at Colosse: but also to be read at Laodicea

Written for:

Greek philosophy and Jewish ritual was starting to spread; Paul writes to strengthen and establish the saints in the faith

Key Theme or Verse

Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, Colossians 2:7

### 1 Faith's Object

The Pre-eminence of Christ – Chapter 1

#### Presentation of Christ HE IS:

The image of the invisible God  
The Firstborn  
The Creator  
The Sustainer of all things  
The Head of the body  
The Beginning  
The Firstborn from the dead  
The Pre-eminent one  
The Fullness  
The Peacemaker  
The means of Reconciliation

### 2 Faith's Outcome

The Position of Saints – Chapter 2

#### Privileges of Saints THEY ARE:

Rooted and built up in Him  
Stablished in the Faith  
Complete in Him  
Circumcised with Christ  
Buried with him in baptism  
Risen with Him  
Quickened together with Him  
Forgiven all their trespasses  
Free from all charges  
Dead with Christ to the world

### 3 Faith's Obligations

The Practice of Believers – Chapter 3

#### Piety of Believers THEY SHOULD:

Seek things which are above  
Set their affections above  
Live in light of His appearing  
Mortify their earthly nature  
Put off the old man  
Put on the new man  
Forebear and forgive others  
Put on Love (as an overcoat)  
Let peace rule their hearts  
Let the word dwell in them  
Do all things in the Lord's name

### 4 Faith's Observations

The Proof of Reality – Chapter 4

#### Produce of Faith AS SEEN IN:

Beloved brethren  
Faithful ministers  
Fellow servants  
Fellow prisoners  
Fellow workers  
Fervent labourers  
Having great zeal  
Sharing the Scriptures  
Praying for persecuted saints



Practical:

Because believers are rooted in Him, alive in Him, hidden in Him, complete in Him, clothed in His love, with His peace ruling in their hearts, they are equipped to make Christ first in every area of life.

# Asia Minor (southwest Turkey) in the time of Paul



All they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks Acts 19:10