

GRACE AND PEACE

Colossians 1:1-2

The Book of Colossians

THEME: The Supremacy of Jesus Over All Things. *JESUS FIRST!*

KEY VERSE: *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. Colossians 1:18*

OVERVIEW

1) The Structure of Colossians

Chapters 1-2	Chapters 3-4
Doctrinal	Practical
Truth to Believe	Truth to Live
Vertical	Horizontal
Indicative	Imperative
What God has Done	What God's People Must Do

MORALISM: *If I improve my behavior, then I will be accepted by others*

MORALISTIC RELIGION: *If I improve my behavior, I will be accepted by God*

GOSPEL: *I'm already accepted in Christ and already have God's approval! As a result my behavior will improve.*

2) The Stature of Colossians

Colossians 1:15 *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

Colossians 1:5 *...because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth.*

3) The Significance of Colossians

a) Identity –

Colossians 2:6 *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him*

b) Idolatry -

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

INTRODUCTION

Colossians 1:1 *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.*

GRACE! The **ROOT** of the Gospel
PEACE! The **FRUIT** of the Gospel

**ARE YOU 'ALL IN' FOR THE
50 DAY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY?**

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Colossians 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Colossians 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Colossians 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Colossians 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Colossians 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: 1 Peter 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Colossians 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: 1 Peter 2 |

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