





THRACE

Byzantium

BLACK SEA

SCYTHIA

CIMMERIA

Pergamum

Gordion

★ Sardis

Miletus

Colossae

Tarsus

KUE

Kayseri

Malatya

IZALLA

Carchemish

Aleppo

Hamath

Tadmor

Sidon

Damascus

Jerusalem

Rabbah

Harran

T. Brak

Nisibis

Nineveh

Calah
(Nimrud)

Assur

Tekrit

Sippar

Arbela

Arrapha

Hasanlu

Der

★ Babylon

SUMER

Sus

★ Ecl

Halys River

Lake Tuz

Lake Van

Lake Urmia

Cyprus

MEDITERRANEAN
SEA





Samothrace

Imbros

Lemnos

AEGEAN SEA

Chios

Lesbos

Mitylene

John writes to the Seven Churches from Patmos

Naxos

Patmos

Samos

Cnidus

Rhodes

Rhodes

MYSIA

ASIA

CARIA

LYCIA

BITHYNIA

PHRYGIA

MARMARA SEA

Cyzicus

Prusa

Nicaea

Abydos

Troas

Assos

Adramyttium

Hermus River

Smyrna

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia

Hierapolis

Laodicea

Colossae

Miletus

Halicarnassus

Dolmender River

Perga

Attalia

Patara

Myra

Colossians at a Glance

FOCUS	SUPREMECY OF CHRIST			SUBMISSION TO CHRIST		
Reference	1:1 →	1:15 →	2:4 →	3:1 →	3:5 →	4:7-18
Division	Introduction	Preeminence of Christ	Freedom in Christ	Position of Believers	Practice of Believers	Conclusion
Topical	Doctrinal What Christ Did for Us			Practical What Christ Does Through Us		
Location	ROME					
Time	A.D. 60 - 31					

OUTLINE OF COLOSSIANS

PART ONE: The Supremacy of Christ in the Church (1:1–2:23)

I. Introduction 1:1–14

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| A. Paul's Greeting to the Colossians | 1:1, 2 |
| B. Paul's Thanksgiving for the Colossians | 1:3–8 |
| C. Paul's Prayer for the Colossians | 1:9–14 |

II. The Preeminence of Christ 1:15–2:3

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| A. Christ Is Preeminent in Creation | 1:15–18 |
| B. Christ Is Preeminent in Redemption | 1:19–23 |
| C. Christ Is Preeminent in the Church | 1:24–2:3 |

III. The Freedom in Christ 2:4–23

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| A. Freedom from Enticing Words | 2:4–7 |
| B. Freedom from Vain Philosophy | 2:8–10 |
| C. Freedom from the Judgment of Men | 2:11–17 |
| D. Freedom from Improper Worship | 2:18, 19 |
| E. Freedom from the Doctrine of Men | 2:20–23 |

PART TWO: The Submission to Christ in the Church (3:1–4:18)

I. The Position of the Believer 3:1–4

II. The Practice of the Believer 3:5–4:6

- A. Put Off the Old Man 3:5–11
- B. Put On the New Man 3:12–17
- C. Personal Commands for Holiness 3:18–4:6

III. Conclusion 4:7–18

- A. Commendation of Tychicus 4:7–9
- B. Greetings from Paul's Friends 4:10–14
- C. Introductions Regarding This Letter 4:15–18

THE OUTLINE OF CHAPTER ONE

Verses 1-2 The salutation

Verses 3-8 Thanksgiving for the Colossian's faith

Verses 9-12 Prayer for their spiritual growth in God's plan

Verses 13-20 The uniqueness of Jesus Christ

Verses 21-23 Challenge to the Colossians

Verses 24-29 Christ's commission to Paul

HELL

Greek
Hades

Hebrew
Sheol

Paradise
Abraham's Bosom
Luke 16:19-31

Great Gulf Fixed
Luke 16:26

Torments
Luke 16:19-31

Tartarus
2 Peter 2:4

Ephesians 4:8-10

3rd Heaven
New Paradise
2 Corinthians 12:1-4

Great White
Throne
Revelation 20:11-15

Lake of Fire
(Heb) **Tophet**
(Gr) **Gehenna**
The 2nd Death

THE FUNCTION OF DISCIPLES AND APOSTLES DURING THE DISPENSATION OF THE:

JEWS

Disciples (TEMPORARY RANK): *thousands of followers of Christ*

Disciples (PERMANENT RANK): *twelve selected students (methetes) with authority to perform miracles (Mat. 10:1)*

Apostles (TEMPORARY RANK): *the twelve appointed with authority to evangelize the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Mat. 10:2–7)*

PRE-CANON PERIOD OF THE CHURCH AGE

Apostles (PERMANENT RANK): *the eleven (minus Judas and Matthias—replaced by Paul and James) with authority to teach mystery doctrine before completion of canon of scripture*

Apostleship (TEMPORARY GIFT): *the thirteen human authors of the New Testament Epistles under the authority of God the Holy Spirit*