





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

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

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

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

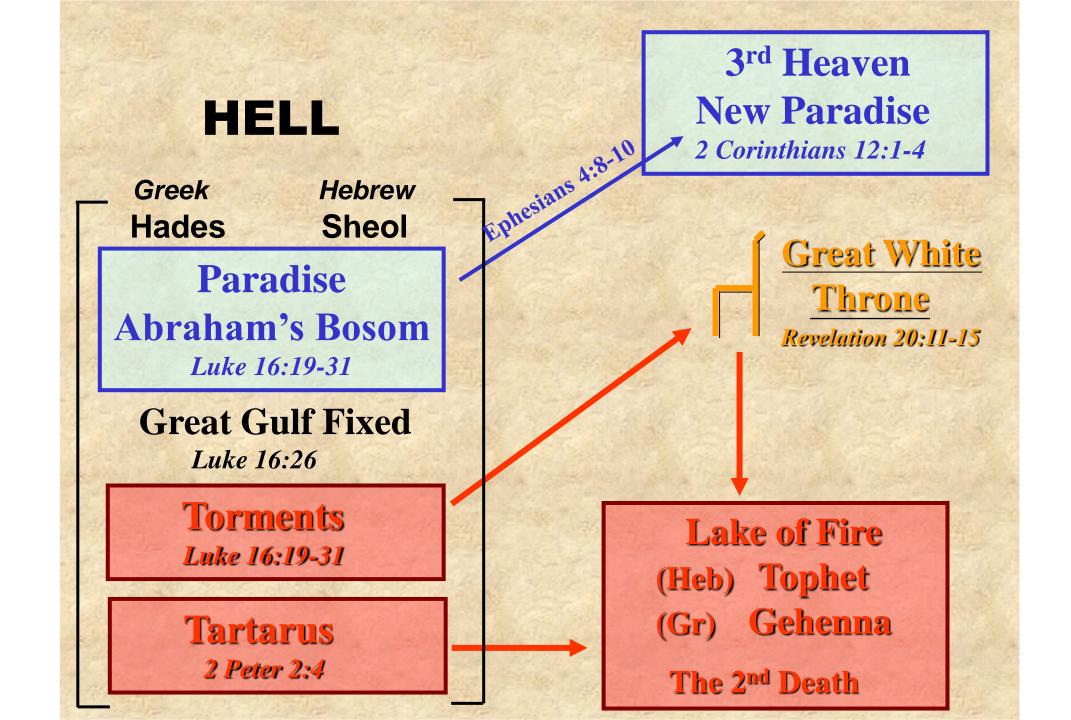
A. Put Off the Old Man	3:5–11
B. Put On the New Man	3:12–17
C. Personal Commands for Holiness	3:18–4:6

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



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