



Colossians Nerd Day

Spring 2020 – Shadowbrook Church

Welcome to Nerd Day

What we are going to cover in the Webinar

- Author / Date / Geography / Culture / Purpose / Outline / Sermon Weeks

Recommended Resources

ESV Scripture Journal	LINK TO PURCHASE
Captivated by Christ (Richard Chin)	LINK TO PURCHASE
NICNT (Scot McKnight)	LINK TO PURCHASE
Pillar NT Commentary (Douglas Moo)	LINK TO PURCHASE
The Hope of Glory – (Sam Storms)	LINK TO PURCHASE

Author

- Paul (formerly known as Saul)
- Writing to a church he has never met
- New to Young Christians
- Paul with Timothy in Prison
- Epaphras – planter in prison with Paul
 - letter carrier also had some responsibility to answer questions

Date

- Acts 28:30 helps us see what was happening
- Before Philippians
- Prison Epistle (Same time as Philemon and Ephesians)

Geography

- Colossae the City – names means purple wool / some say punishment
- SW part of modern Turkey (near the Lycus River)
- Ephesus was 100 miles to the W and Laodicea is 10 miles away

Culture

- Known for wool trade, cloth dying, figs, and olives
- Archaeological discoveries on coins helped us see the variety of cultural influences
- Jewish, Greek, & Pagan

J. MacArthur on Gnosticism: *A belief that God is good, but matter is evil, that Jesus Christ was merely one of a series of emanations descending from God and being less than God (a belief that led them to deny His true humanity), and that a secret, higher knowledge above Scripture was necessary for enlightenment and salvation.*

There were two types of Gnostics:

- **Libertines** – Believed, because matter was evil and separate from the spirit, that the flesh was irrelevant therefore it didn't matter what you did with your body. You could sin all you want and it didn't matter. This type of Gnosticism was the subject in part or in whole of the books of Jude, 1 John, 2 Peter, Ephesians, and Revelations.
- **Ascetics** – Believed you had to subdue the flesh. In addition to higher knowledge, which all Gnostics claimed you must ascend to, they said legalistic works such as food restrictions, keeping certain days, and the worshiping angels were essential for salvation. This was the heresy in the Colossian church.

Outline

- I. Salutation (1:1-2)
- II. Orthodoxy: The Sufficiency of Christ Explained (1:3–2:7)
 - A. Thanksgiving and Prayer for the Colossians (1:3-14)
 1. Thanksgiving for the Colossians' Faith (1:3-8)
 2. Prayer for the Colossians' Knowledge and Growth (1:9-14)
 - B. Hymn to Christ the Lord (1:15-20)
 - C. Affirmation of Christ the Reconciler (1:21-23)
 - D. Paul's Commission concerning the Mystery of Christ (1:24–2:7)
 1. Paul's Past Labors Aimed at Perfection in Christ (1:24-29)
 2. Paul's Present Concern regarding Defection from Christ (2:1-7)
- III. Heterodoxy: The Sufficiency of Christ Denied (2:8–3:4)
 - A. The Sufficiency of Christ Restated (2:8-15)
 1. Statement against Heretics (2:8)
 2. Restatement of Christ's Sufficiency (2:9-15)
 - a. Christ our Authority (2:9-10)
 - b. Christ our Power (2:11-12)
 - c. Christ our Victor (2:13-15)
 - B. The Colossians' Practices as a Denial of the Sufficiency of Christ (2:16-19)
 - C. The Colossians' Practices as a Contradiction of their Corporate Life in Christ (2:20–3:4)
 1. Death with Christ Means Death to Human Regulations (2:20-23)
 2. Resurrection with Christ Means New Perspective (3:1-4)
- IV. Orthopraxy: The Sufficiency of Christ Experienced (3:5–4:6)
 - A. Experienced Individually (3:5-17)
 1. Negative: Putting off the Old Man (3:5-11)
 2. Positive: Putting on the New Man (3:12-17)
 - B. Experienced in the Home (3:18–4:1)
 1. Wives and Husbands (3:18-19)
 2. Children and Parents (3:20-21)
 3. Slaves and Masters (3:22–4:1)
 - C. Experienced in Relation to Others (4:2-6)
 1. In Relation to Paul (4:2-4)
 2. In Relation to Unbelievers (4:5-6)

V. Final Greetings (4:7-18)

- A. Commendation of Tychicus (4:7-9)
- B. Greetings from Paul's Co-Workers (4:10-14)
- C. Greetings from Paul (4:15-18)

Sermon Series Title

Purpose

- The most Christ-Centered book in the Bible?
- Shows us the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus
- Lord over creation and redemption
- People doubting Sovereignty, Salvation, Despair, when life confusing and out of control, foundations of faith are crumbling
- Focus on Jesus, we are strengthened
- Live by faith, walk in obedience, and glorify God

King & His Kingdom

- Kingdom with no King – Babel
- King with no Kingdom – Legend



Finish with the Bible Project video link for Colossians

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=pXTXIDxQsvc&feature=emb_logo