

Preview Of Colossians

Introductory Matters (1:1-8):

- Greeting (1:1-2)
- Thanksgiving (1:3-5a)
- The Gospel (1:5b-6)
- Epaphras (1:7-8)

A Prayer Concerning God's Will (1:9-14):

- The Basic Request (1:9-10a)
- Some Aspects of God's Will (1:10b-12)
- Two Kingdoms (1:13-14)

Christ, The Preeminent One (1:15-23):

- Preeminent in Creation (1:15-17)
- Preeminent in Reconciliation (1:18-23)

Christ, The Hope of Glory (1:24-29):

- Suffering in Service (1:24)
- Fulfilling the Word (1:25-26)
- The Gloriously Rich Mystery (1:27)
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Walking in Christ (2:1-7):

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- Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge (2:3)
- The Danger of Deception (2:4-5)
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Fullness in Christ (2:8-15):

- Warning about Philosophy (2:8)
- Complete in Christ (2:9-10)
- Circumcised in Christ (2:11)
- Buried with Christ (2:12)
- Made Alive with Christ (2:13-14)
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Christ versus Religion (2:16-23):

- Substance versus Shadow (2:16-17)
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Christ Our Life, Our All in All (3:1-11):

- Seeking Things Above (3:1-3)
- Having Christ as Life (3:4)
- Putting Off the Old (3:5-8)
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- One Another Attitudes (3:12-13)
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