

Introduction To Colossians

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Purpose:

- To declare the preeminence of Christ - - and thereby guard against encroaching heresies and worldly philosophies - - all of which diminished Christ - - [which is what every false gospel, cult and worldly philosophy does?!?]

Emphasis and Characteristics:

- An exaltation of Christ - - elaborating upon His glory and sufficiency - - all the while showing how our completeness is related to and depends upon His fullness
[Along with Hebrews, the most Christ-centered books in the Bible!?!?!]

Key Terms and Phrases:

- Christ = 24; Jesus = 8; Lord = 12; him (Jesus) = 15; God = 21; who (the Lord) = 10
 - in Christ = 4, and in Him (Jesus) = 7, and in whom (Jesus) = 2 [Total = 13]
- faith = 5; hope = 3; love = 6 - - grace = 5; peace = 3
- mystery = 5; put (off, on) = 6
- fullness = 2; perfect = 2; complete = 2
- all = 28

Key Verses:

- 1:18 - - 1:27 - - 2:3 - - 2:9-10 - - 3:1-3 - - 3:17

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