

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Paul's Epistle to the Colossians

Book Summary:

The letter to the Colossians was written by Paul, likely between AD 60 and 62, to the church at Colossae. Interestingly, the church was not founded by Paul but by one of his converts—Epaphras. The church was flourishing in faith but was in danger from false teachings that sought to undermine the sufficiency of Jesus in their lives. The letter is rich in theological truths, including the supremacy of Jesus in both creation and redemption, his centrality in all of creation, and his role in the new creation. This rich theology flows into very practical and life-changing examples-not lying, being patient and forgiving, and being filled with the Word of God. Paul includes a house code that addresses each aspect of living a godly life at home. It warns against the dangers of rigid asceticism and reminds believers of their freedom in Christ. Believers are anchored in Jesus, who is central in all of life, and they can depend on him fully for their redemption and the grace needed for this life and the one to come.



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Memory Verse for November 2025: Colossians 3:16 (KJV)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

What to Look For:

- Notice the qualities Paul commends in the church he writes to.
- Observe how Paul places Jesus at the center of everything.
- Pay attention to the freedom that faith in Jesus brings—especially freedom from harsh self-denial.
- See how Paul's rich theology translates into practical, everyday living.

Selected Reading

- Week 1: Colossians 1
- Week 2: Colossians 2
- Week 3: Colossians 3
- Week 4: Colossians 4

Questions to Consider:

- Is Jesus truly the center of your life? Do you submit everything you consider important to him?
- What philosophies have you believed that rob Jesus of glory in your life?
- What things try to make you feel disqualified from the assurance of your salvation?
- Does your life reflect the qualities and actions Paul describes in chapter 3?