

Outline of Colossians

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- I. Salutation: (1:1-2)
- II. Person and Work of Christ (1:3-23)
 - a. Gratitude for the faith of the Colossians (1:3-8)
 - b. Prayer for the growth of the Colossians (1:9-12)
 - c. Supremacy of Christ (1:13-23)
 - i. Work of Christ (1:13-14)
 - ii. Person of Christ (1:15-20)
 - iii. Effect of Christ among the Colossians (1:21-23)
- III. Ministry of Paul (1:24-27)
 - a. Explanation of Paul's function (1:24-29)
 - b. Reassurance of Paul's function (2:1-5)
 - c. Encouragement to continue in Christ (2:6-7)
- IV. Antidote to False Teaching (2:8-23)
 - a. Sufficiency of Christ (2:8-15)
 - b. Warning against legalism and mysticism (2:16-19)
 - c. Encouragement to escape asceticism (2:20-23)
- V. New Conduct of the Believer (3:1-4:6)
 - a. Union with Christ in new life (3:1-4)
 - b. Identity with Christ by death to old ways (3:5-11)
 - c. Embracing the new life (3:12-17)
 - d. New life at home (3:18-4:1)
 - i. Between wives and husbands (3:18-19)
 - ii. Between children and parents (3:20-21)
 - iii. Between servants and masters (3:22-4:1)
 - e. General instructions for believers (4:2-6)
- VI. Conclusion (4:7-18)
 - a. Coming to Tychicus and Onesimus (4:7-9)
 - b. Christian greetings (4:10-17)
 - c. Expression of genuineness and benediction (4:18)