

Outline of Colossians

1. Doctrine
 - a. Personal matters (1:1-14)
 - (1) Greeting (1:1-2)
 - (2) Thanksgiving (1:3-8)
 - (3) Prayer (1:9-14)
 - b. Doctrine
 - (1) Christ (1:15-23)
 - (2) Paul's ministry (1:24-2:7)
 - (3) Paul's warnings (2:8-23)
2. Duty
 - a. Christian conduct (3:1-4:6)
 - (1) Principles of Christian conduct (3:1-17)
 - (2) Examples of Christian conduct (3:18-4:6)
 - b. Personal matters (4:7-18)

Purpose: Colossians 1:9-12

- Knowledge of God
- Walk worthy of the Lord

The message of Colossians

A believing congregation in Colosse (Col. 1:3-8)

- Justification – Sanctification – Glorification

Paul's message to the Colossian church

- “walk worthy of the Lord” (1:9-14)
 - Eph. 4:1; Phil. 1:9-11; Rom. 8:3-4; 12:1-2;
 - 1 Thess 4:1-7; 1 Peter 1:13-16
- The Preeminence of Jesus Christ (Col. 1:15-23)
 - in heaven, in earth and in the Church
 - Redeemer
 - Received by faith
- Paul's purpose in ministry (Col. 1:24-2:7)
 - present every man perfect in Christ Jesus
- Distractions (2:8-23)
 - Traditions of men, basic principles of the world
 - NOT according to Christ
- Futility of distractions (2:23)

Life in Christ

How do we walk worthy of the Lord?

- The Law of Moses?
- Antinomianism?

The doctrine or belief that the Gospel frees Christians from required obedience to any law whether scriptural, civil or moral, and that salvation is attained solely through faith and the gift of divine grace.

- The New Covenant is “antinomian”!
 - The Law cannot control the lusts of the flesh
(Acts 15:10-11)
 - Life in union with Christ
 - It is passive
 - It is active

Colossians 3

- We are raised with Christ.
- Active
 - Seek things above
 - Mortify your members on earth – put off . . .
 - Put on the new man’s attributes
- Passive
 - Let the peace of God rule
 - Let the word of Christ dwell
- Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus with thanksgiving to God the Father

LIFE IN CHRIST

We are raised with Christ

Seek those things which are above.

- What are “things which are above”?
 - Christ at the right hand of God
 - Not things on earth – 1 John 2:15-17
 - The Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33)
 - Revelation 4 and 21-22
 - Eph. 1:2f – spiritual blessings
 - Hope of glory – 1 John 3:2-3
- Seek = set mind on
- Mortify your members which are on the earth (3:5-9)
 - The life of a pagan (3:6-7).
 - Fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire
 - Covetousness – idolatry
- Put off all these things (3:8-9)
- Put on the new man’s attributes (3:10-14)
 - The image of God.
 - Holy and beloved (of God).
 - Love is the bond of perfection.
- Instruments of our sanctification:
 - The peace of God
 - The Word of Christ
- Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus with thanksgiving