Knowing Christ
A Study of Colossians

Life in Christ
Lesson 13-14
Colossians 3-4

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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The Development of the New Testament

Acts 1:8 “… and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

- **The life and ministry of Jesus Christ**
  - BC 4
  - Acts 1-7
    - 33-34 AD
  - Acts 8-12
    - 35-47 AD
  - The Acts of the Apostles
    - 62

- **Acts 13-28**
  - 48 AD • Acts 13-14 • 1st missionary journey
  - 49 AD • Acts 15 • Jerusalem counsel
  - 50-53 • Acts 16-18 • 2nd missionary journey
  - 53-57 • Acts 18-21 • 3rd missionary journey
  - 57-62 • Acts 22-28 • Roman prison #1
  - 62-67 • release and ministry
  - 67-75 • Roman prison #2

- **40**
  - Matthew
  - 44-47

- **49**
  - Galatians

- **51**
  - 1 Thessalonians

- **56**
  - 2 Thessalonians
  - Corinthians

- **57-58**
  - Luke

- **59**
  - Romans
  - Ephesians

- **60-62**
  - Acts
  - Mark

- **60s**
  - Colossians
  - Philippians

- **61**
  - 1 Thessalonians

- **62**
  - 1 Peter
  - 2 Peter

- **64**
  - Hebrews
  - 1 John

- **65**
  - Jude

- **66**
  - Revelation

- **67-69**
  - 2 John
  - 3 John

- **70s**
  - John

- **75**
  - 1 John

- **85-96**
  - 2 John
  - 3 John

- **95-96**
  - Revelation
Knowing Christ

- Paul’s ministry from the beginning
  - His call – to turn from persecuting Christ to serving Him (Acts 9:4-5)
  - His commission – to bear the name of Christ of the Gentiles (Acts 9:15)
  - His first message – Jesus is the Son of God, the Christ (Acts 9:20, 22)
  - The label given to disciples of his ministry – Christians (Acts 11:26)

- Paul’s prison epistles emphasize the centrality of Jesus Christ in salvation
  - Ephesians – Summing up all things in Christ – the last word in revelation
    - The mystery revealed – Christ in you (Eph 1:10; 3:8-11)
    - The administration of the mystery revealed – the Church
  - Philippians – Life in Christ (Phil 1:21; 3:8-11)
  - Colossians – We are complete in Christ – do not be defrauded (1:28; 2:8)
## Colossians

### Christ, our exalted Savior

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- **faithfulness to Christ**
  - 1-5 stability of faith in Christ
  - 6-7 “walk in Christ!”
  - 8-15 standing firm in the victory in Christ
  - 16-19 holding firm to the substance of Christ

- **fullness in Christ**
  - 1-4 “set your mind on Christ!”
  - 5-11 attend to personal holiness in Christ “Christ is all, and in all.”
  - 12-17 attend to corporate harmony in Christ
  - 18-4:1 attend to outward behavior in Christ

- **prison epistle 60-62**
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Colossians Outline

- Focus on the Gospel (Colossians 1)
  - The Christian testimony of the Colossians (1:1-8)
  - Paul’s desire for the progress in the Gospel (1:9-14)
  - Paul presents Jesus Christ – His Person and Work (1:15-23)
  - Paul the apostle – present everyone complete in Christ (1:24-29)

- Addressing the deception or fraud (Colossians 2)
  - Empty deception, traditions of men, basic principles of the world
  - Emphasis upon our union with Christ in His death and resurrection

- Focusing on life in Christ as a true believer (Colossians 3-4)
Life in Christ (Colossians 3-4)

“Christ in you, the hope of glory.” (1:27)

- A mind set on Christ (3:1-4)
- Put off the old self (3:5-11)
- Put on the new self (3:12-17)
- Examples of the new life (3:18-4:1)
- Examples of new life ministry (4:2-18)
A Mind Set on Christ (3:1-4)

- Union with Christ in His resurrection – Christ is your life – Romans 6:1-7
- Keep seeking things above – Set your mind on things above
- Your life is hid with Christ in God
- The prize – to be revealed with Christ in His glory
- Deception – the fraud of any alternative or addition
- Hold fast to the head (2:19)
Put Off the Old Self (3:5-11)

- Consider the members of your earthly body as dead . . .
- Sons of disobedience and under wrath
  - Members of your earthly body – governing principles (3:5)
  - Manner of your life – external manifestations (3:8-9)
- Put on the new self – renewed within
  - True knowledge according to Christ
  - Unrelated to prior character – Christ is all, and in all
- Keep seeking . . . and set your mind . . . on things above
Put On the New Self (3:12-17)

- Chosen of God, holy and beloved – the new knowledge
- A new heart (3:12-13) – treat one another as Christ treats us
- Love – the bond of unity
- Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts
- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly
  - Teach and admonish one another with wisdom
  - Singing with thankfulness in your heart to God
- Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus with thankfulness to God
Examples of the New Life (3:18-4:1)

- Wives (3:18) – Be subject to your husband as is fitting in the Lord
- Husbands (3:19) – love your wife, and do not be bitter
- Children (3:20) – Obey parents in all things – it is well-pleasing to the Lord
- Fathers (3:21) – Do not exasperate your children so they do not lose heart
- Slaves (3:22-25) – Obey in all things as an act of service to God from the heart
- Masters (4:1) – Treat slaves with justice and fairness – remember your Master
Examples of Ministry (4:2-18)

- Devoted to prayer (4:2-6)
- Wise conduct toward outsiders (4:5)
- Gracious speech (4:6)
- Paul’s companions
  - Serving Paul and the Colossians
- Paul’s greeting and prayer
Life in Christ

- True Christianity – trusting Christ for completeness
  - His work of salvation
  - His life in us daily
- Knowing and growing in the knowledge of Jesus Christ
- Christ is our life – Christ in you, the hope of glory
- Do not be captured and defrauded of your prize
- Keep seeking the things above – set your mind on things above