



RCC Summer School – 7.24.22 – Colossians (Week 1)

Paul writes this letter to the church in the city of Colosse.

The church is the _____ of _____ in _____.
_____ are the church.

Every city and culture has different _____ that impact residents.

Facts About Colossians:

- Colosse was located in our modern area of _____.
- Paul never _____ the Colossian church.
- A man named _____ started this church and Colosse was his hometown.
- Paul & Timothy are thought to be in _____ when the letter is written and are receiving updates about the Colossian church through Epaphras.
- Some Biblical Scholars believe the Colossian church was a _____
_____ at the time this letter was written.
- Colosse was once a very influential city in the nation of Phrygia. However, the nation of Phrygia was eventually _____ into another nation.
- Because of this, Colosse is considered the _____ _____ city to whom Paul had written a letter.
- The religious people of the time blended beliefs from Judaism and philosophical _____ Gentile beliefs.

Scholars indicate the beliefs of the Colossian people were similar to the New Age / New Spirituality beliefs in our western culture today. Those beliefs included:

- Gnosticism: Secret Spiritual Knowledge, Anything Material is Evil, Anything Spiritual is Good
- Angel Worship: Belief that Angelic Beings (not God) Created the World and Mankind
- Essenism: Communal Living, Dedicated to Poverty, Daily Meditation to Become One with the Universe
- Asceticism: Extreme Self Denial for Religious Purposes
- Endorsed Selfish Impulses: Sexual Immorality, Fleshly Impulses Were Encouraged

These beliefs were starting to make their way into the church and began influencing the Believers in Christ.

The _____ on the church has always existed.

The first 2 chapters of Colossians are focused on _____ and the last 2 are focused on _____.

Definition of Doctrine:

- a. A principle or body of principles presented for acceptance or belief
- b. teachings, instructions and _____

Doctrine _____.

Colossians 1:1-8 NLT

“This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. We are writing to God’s holy people in the city of Colosse, who are faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. May God our Father give you grace and peace. We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God’s people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News. This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God’s wonderful grace. ‘You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved co-worker. He is Christ’s faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.’”

- 1. Our Life _____

There is no life too _____ that it cannot make an eternal impact for Christ.

- 2. We must remain confident in our _____

When the actions of others and the struggles of life weigh heavy on our souls, we should remember the promise of heaven and eternity God has given to us!