



# Colossians Summary

# Introduction to Colossians



- Same as Ephesians, Colossians can be looked at in two sections—**doctrinal** (chapters 1-2) and **practical** (chapters 3-4). Note: there are doctrinal teachings in chapters 3 and 4 as well.
- No historian knows for certain what false teaching was impacting the Colossian church. But the solution is clear—Jesus Christ.

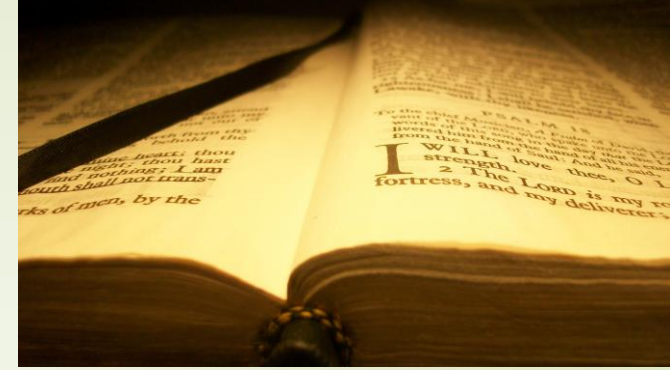
# 1. Christ is the Lord

- Christ is the Lord over all **creation** (1:15-17)
- Christ is the Lord over the **church** (1:18-20)
- Christ should be the Lord over our **personal lives** as well (2:9-10)
- Your life will make no sense until you actually **acknowledge** the one who made you and saved you as your Lord in every area of life.



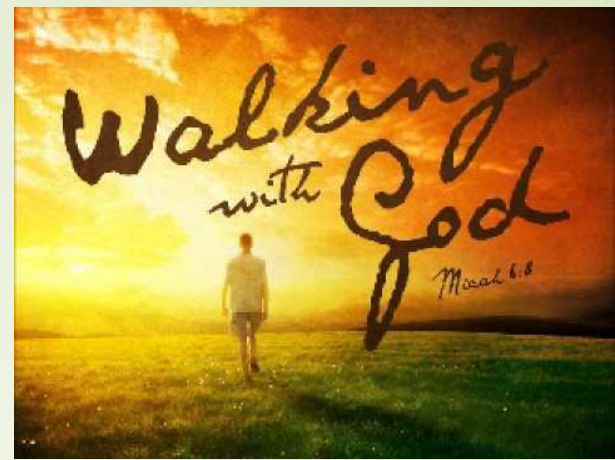
## 2. Jesus Reconciles Us to God

- Through the work of Christ we can be **transferred** from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of His Son Jesus Christ (1:13-14)
- Our salvation is not just about a ticket to heaven or a pass from hell. It is actually about our **reconciliation** with God (1:21-22)
- Paul was willing to **suffer** for this mighty task (1:24, 28-29). Are you?



### 3. God Makes Us Alive with Him

- We are **filled** in Christ (2:9-10)
- We are also **buried** with Christ (2:12)—your old self is dead and that identity is no more
- We are also **raised** with Christ (2:12)—we have a new identity and a new nature
- Therefore we should seek the things that are **above** as we **walk** with Him (2:6-7; 3:1-4)



## 4. Beware of the World



- (2:8) There are many good teachings in the world but they are not the truth since **God** is not in them.
- (2:16-23) Besides offering alternative paths to the truth, the world also sneaks **religion** into the truth (dos and don'ts).
- (2:18) Plus **distractions** always work for many.
- (3:1-4) The solution is simple—**seeking Christ**.



## 5. Instructions on New Life in Christ

- We are called to **grow** toward maturity (1:10-12, 28)
- To that end we are to **put off** our old self and **put on** our new life in Christ (3:5-17)
- Moreover, we need to grow **practically** in our roles with our family and work (3:18-4:1)
- Are you changing and growing?