

## The Book of Colossians

### I. THE DEITY AND PREEMINENCE OF THE SAVIOR (COLOSSIANS 1).

- A. The thanksgiving for this divine preeminence.
  - 1. It was the source of Paul's praying (1:1-14).
    - a. He thanks the Father for the witness of the Colossians (1:3-5).
    - b. He prays for the walk of the Colossians (1:9-11).
  - 2. It was the source of Paul's preaching (1:23-29).
- B. The theology of this divine preeminence.
  - 1. Christ's relationship to the Father (1:15).
  - 2. Christ's relationship to the church (1:18).
  - 3. Christ's relationship to the universe.
    - a. He was its Creator (1:16).
    - b. He is its sustainer (1:17).
    - c. He shall be its reconciler (1:20-22).

### II. THE DANGER AND PERVERSION OF THE SERPENT (ch. 2).

- A. The nature of these perversions.
  - 1. Enticing words (persuasive argument) (2:4).
  - 2. Philosophy (2:8).
  - 3. Vain deceit (empty deception) (2:8).
  - 4. Tradition of men (2:8).
  - 5. Legalism (2:16).
  - 6. Self-abasement (2:18, 23).
  - 7. Worship of angels (2:18).
  - 8. Visions (2:18)
  - 9. Man made rules (2:20-23).
- B. The answer to these perversions.
  - 1. Know who Jesus is (2:3, 9).
  - 2. Know what he has done for you (2:1-2).
    - a. The quickening (2:13).
    - b. The blotting (2:14).
    - c. The spoiling (2:15).
    - d. The nourishing (2:19).
  - 3. Know who you are (2:10, 13).
  - 4. Know what you are to do for him (2:6-7).

### III. THE DUTY AND PERFORMANCE OF THE SAINTS (ch. 3-4).

- A. In relation to the Son of God (3:1-4).
- B. In relation to the Word of God (3:16).
- C. In relation to the work of God (3:17).
  - 1. What to put off (3:5-9).
  - 2. What to put on (3:10-14).
- D. In relation to the peace of God (3:15).
- E. In relation to our talks with God (4:2-4).
  - 1. Paul's command to pray (4:2).
  - 2. Paul's request for prayer (4:3-4).
- F. In relation to our testimony for God.
  - 1. Before the unsaved (4:5-6).
  - 2. In the home (3:18-21).
    - a. Concerning wives (3:18).
    - b. Concerning husbands (3:19).
    - c. Concerning children (3:20).
    - d. Concerning fathers (3:21).
  - 3. On the job (3:22-25).
  - 4. In the church (3:13).
- G. In relation to the ministers of God (4:7-18). Paul ends this epistle by sending greetings from eight men and by making a request.
  - 1. The greetings to the Colossians.
    - a. Tychicus (4:7-8).
    - b. Onesimus (4:9).
    - c. Aristarchus (4:10).

- d. John Mark (4:10).
  - e. Jesus Justus (4:11).
  - f. Epaphras (4:12-13).
  - g. Luke (4:14).
  - h. Demas (4:14).
2. The request from the Colossians (4:16).