

## Bible Study – Outline

### COLOSSIANS

Author Paul  
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Audience: The Church at Colossae

#### Major Theme(s)

How to obtain God's power by living the Christian life.  
The power of resurrection

#### Key People

Paul, Timothy, Tychicus, Onesimus, Aristarchus, Mark, Epaphras

#### Philippians

<b>CHRIST THE HEAD OF CREATION AND HEAD OF THE CHURCH</b>	<b>1 - 2</b>
Introduction and prayer for the Colossians	1:1-14
Christ, the head of creation	1:15-17
Christ, the head of the church	1:18-2:3
Our Freedom in Christ	2:4-23
<b>SUBMISSION TO CHRIST THE HEAD</b>	<b>3 - 4</b>
Put off the old self	3:1-11
Put on the new self	3:12-4:6
Conclusion	4:7-18

#### Key Scriptures

Col. 1:10-12

so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light

Col. 1:15-22

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. 21 Once you were

alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation

Col. 1:25-27

have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness- 26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. 27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Col. 2:2-3

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Col. 2:8

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

Col. 2:9-10

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

Col. 3:1-2

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Col. 3:5

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

Col. 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Col. 4:2-5

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. 4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. 5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

## 7 ways on how to Pray for Others – Col. 1:3-12

### Discussion Questions

1. What is the resurrection power?
2. What is the added explanation Paul gives about the Gospel? 1:25-27
3. What are the deceptive philosophies? (Col. 2:8, 16-22)
4. Where does Paul instruct us on relationships? Col. 3
5. What are we to “put off” and “put on” ?
6. What are we to devote ourselves on? Col. 4

### Resources Used

Adventuring Through the Bible by Ray Stedman  
Life Application Bible (NIV) - Zondervan and Tyndale House.  
[www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com)