

Colossians Chapter 1 and 2 Review

The Epistles Message: The letter was written to correct some of the wrong thinking the Colossians had about Jesus Christ.

Study Review Objectives:

- To highlight high points in the Chapters that highlight Christ Preeminence, and that Christ is God.
- Ponder questions to bring us more understanding of the scriptures.
- Identify who we are in Christ.
- To know the truth of the Gospel, versus the traditions and falsity of people and smooth talk.

Read Colossians Chapters 1 and 2 if you have not already.

Q = questions to ponder

Chapter 1 Objectives:

- God qualified the Believers for the Kingdom of His Son
- The Deity and Preeminence of our Savior Jesus Christ.
- Everything is about Jesus Christ (By Him, Through Him and for Him)

We will Review Chapter 1:

- Everything is about Jesus and the Love the Father has for us.
- Christ is the express image of God.

Colossians 1:12-14 (NLT) We are qualified, delivered, translated into the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Q1. What is the inheritance the Apostle Paul spoke of here?

¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and ^[c]conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

- The Father qualified us for to be partakers of the inheritance.
- We have been Conveyed or Translated – changed, as in translated from darkness into the Kingdom of Jesus' Christ.

- This is what the Father did for us through Jesus.
- Into the Kingdom of God's Son:
 - Kingdom usage here is Jesus Kingship, His Sovereignty, Jesus' authority and rule.

14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

- The Father qualified us through _____ blood.
- We are _____ based off the blood of _____.

Jesus is Preeminent (He is First in all things)

Jesus is the express image of God; how this impacts our own spiritual thinking.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Q2. What does the image of God mean?

Q3. What does the firstborn mean here?

Q4. What does this say about Jesus and Jesus being God?

- ⇒ The word "image" here is used to express likeness and refers to the invisible manifestation of something invisible.
- ⇒ Christ is not similar to God-He is God!

"The firstborn over all creation."

- ⇒ The word "first born" is a reference to highest priority of position. It speaks of Jesus title. Christ is ascribed as Lord of all creation.

He created everything, by Him, through Him and for Him.

16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or [e]principalities or [f]powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

- ⇒ Christ was past creator of everything that exist.
- ⇒ Christ is the present Sustainer of everything.
- ⇒ Christ has Preeminence (He is before everything that was and is created).

⇒ Jesus was the direct agent of God the Father who created all things by Him. Ephesians 3:9 God who created all things through Jesus Christ.

Jesus is preeminent (He is First in all things) and Christ relationship with the Church:

¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

- Jesus is the Head of the Body.
- The church is His Body
- Again, Christ has preeminence in all things to include the life of the Believers that makes up His over Body.

Q5. Who is the church?

Q6. What is preeminent and how does this apply to living out our faith?

Chapter 2 Review and High Points

In context of the danger and Perversion of the Serpent
(Satan)

Chapter 2 Objectives:

- Do not be mislead to accept what is not of Christ.
- Be rooted in Jesus Christ (a higher level of living).
- Christ is the Fullness of the Godhead (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)

We will Review of Chapter 2

2 (NLT) I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself.

3 In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 (AMPC) I say this in order that no one may mislead and delude you by plausible and persuasive and attractive arguments and beguiling speech.

- We are to be confident in the Gospel we have heard and been taught.
- We cannot fall for well-crafted arguments and philosophies that sounds good but is not of Christ and the Word of God.

Paul said be rooted in Christ.

7 (NLT) Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Q7. Having roots go down, does that means dig deeper?

Q8. How do we build our life on Him (Christ)?

⇒ Building up to go Higher Life.

8 Beware lest anyone [e]cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

Q9. Think of some traditions of men that you have experience that was not tied to Christ but strictly from the principles of the world?

⇒ All traditions are not bad, but many are. Jesus soundly and severely denounced the wicked traditions of the godless Pharisees in Matthew 15:1-9)

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead [f]bodily;
10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

(NLT) **12** For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ,

for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴ He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ In this way, he disarmed^[d] the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Q10. Buried with Christ when we were baptized means?

- A. Died to self
- B. No longer our own
- C. All the above**

A. We are now in Christ.

- Our charges against us were nailed to the Cross. That means debt paid, and also now the enemy has been disarmed to bring charges against us, those baptized in Christ.
- Satan and his forces were stripped of their power to condemn us as we now are in Christ. Hallelujah.
- Our debt is cancelled.

Not Legalism but Christ

Believers who put themselves back under the legalism of the Law. We are under Grace Jesus is the Person of Grace.

Q11. Know who Jesus is (Col 2:3,9)?

Q12. Know what Jesus has done for you (Col 2:13-15)?

Q13. Know who you are (Col 2:10,12)?

Q14. Know what you are to do for Him (Col 2:6-17)?