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Colossians

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C1 Vss 1-29. Paul's letter to the Colossians has much of what's in his other letters. Nevertheless, we continue to view every angle of the faith as we read each letter.

Some great principles emerge from the chapter. Believers have been ushered as it were from the Kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Jesus.

Jesus Christ is also the physical manifestation of the invisible God. It could not be more clear here. There are no metaphors or grammatical hoops to jump. Jesus Christ is God! Paul goes on to use all the attributes of God to explain. It is noteworthy that Paul carefully uses the term Christ throughout. God fully lives in Christ.

There's no doubt about who this Christ is. He reconciled believers through death in his physical body (1-22). We need to understand that humanity has not always existed. It is in this sense that the human Jesus did not always exist. But the Son of God has always

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existed, and at a point in human history He comes and dwells among humanity. He is Jesus. Now the Son, Jesus, God are one in the same.

Paul continues about suffering in the body given the responsibility to reveal mysteries that were unknown in times past. Now we have revealed all that was in shadows and Paul was selected as the revealer along with the other apostles, but Paul even more so (23-29)

C2 Vss 1-23 Paul informs that all of the mysteries are revealed in Christ. Knowing Christ intimately means to know wisdom and knowledge. The Old Testament writer () said knowledge of God is the beginning of knowledge. This cannot be done any better than when God comes among men in their dwelling place and in their wrappings. Paul did not want anyone deceived.

Where he is principally concerned with Judaizers. There is also the threat of philosophers and atheists who can sound so astute. Nevertheless. He also prepares them for those who would push the Jewish traditions as well. The onslaught against believers come from every direction.

Paul juxtaposes the traditions and ceremonies as shadows of Christ. Where Christ is the reality those things foreshadowed (1-30).

C3 Vss 1-25 Thinking and the thought process is so important to the believer. Paul's able to survive because his mind is in Christ. His mind is in eternity. He has the same words as to other churches concerning various urges and sins.

By an act of their will they are to cloth themselves with appropriate behavior and right thinking. Then in a manner very similar to Ephesians 6, he begins talking about the manifestation of God's word dwelling richly within them.

It's noteworthy it is the same results as being spirit filled. Believers sing songs and hymns. They give thanks. Husband and wives respond in the same way as being spirit filled. What this means is that being spirit-filled and being filled with God's word are synonymous. No word, no spirit fullness. No study and following God's instructions no spirit fullness. It is not a matter of tarring as in Acts. There is not enough policy or instructional information there Many of the disciples had been learning from Jesus for three years. Many were educated in their Jewish institutions. Paul gives descriptively what it takes to be spirit-filled here.

C4 Vss 1-18. He continues to provide the same information as shown in Ephesians. See Ephesians 6. Paul calls on them to live in an attractive way to unbelievers and to use wisdom in doing so. He's not saying, obviously, to do what they do . But show them a liberating view. Show them health and warmth. This is done best through talking and listening. Believers have been there. Let them know we get it.

He concludes his letter with the stays of the brethren keeping them in the loop. Paul always prepared the way for the messengers. They are do importAnt to the health if the birches as safe guard what Paul wants for them.

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Luke and Demas are mentioned. And he calls on them to remember him in chains.

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