

An Expository and Analytical Outline of Colossians
(by Johnny Felker)

I, Paul, send my greetings to you Colossians with gratitude for your faith and with prayers for your continued spiritual growth (1:1-14).

I am thankful for you, who by means of the teaching of Epaphras heard the gospel, and having believed it, are now filled with faith, love, and hope (1:1-8).

We have not ceased to pray that you would grow in knowledge and wisdom and that, through God's strength, you would live pleasing to the Lord; for has transferred you by the forgiveness of your sins to the kingdom of His beloved Son (1:9-14).

Jesus, God's Son, is worthy of your steadfast faith and hope (1:15-23).

Jesus' nature and His relation to the creation and to the church should cause Him to have preeminence in all things (1:13-18).

In keeping with God's purpose, you were reconciled to God by Him and will be presented before Him in holiness if you continue in the faith (1:19-23).

God has made me a servant to proclaim Him among you Gentiles, so that all who believe may be made complete in Him (1:24-2:5).

I rejoice in my sufferings which I experience due to the ministry God gave me in preaching the gospel to you Gentiles (1:24-27).

I am working hard to proclaim Christ so that everyone may be made complete in Him (1:28-29).

I have struggled even for those who do not know me that they may come to know Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (2:1-4).

I say this to you so that no one will mislead you and make you believe that I do not care about you (2:5-6).

I urge you to walk in Him and do not let any one turn you away from your loyalty and service to Him (2:6-3:4).

Since you received Christ as Lord, walk in Him (2:6-7).

Don't let anyone enslave you with philosophy but remember that Christ himself possesses full divine nature and through Him you can be made complete (2:8-10).

He is head over all rule and authority. Think of all He has done to bring about your salvation (2:9-15).

In view of this, don't let any man judge you for not keeping the Law nor defraud you by advocating self-abasement and the worship of angels and which result in ascetic decrees which have no value against fleshly indulgence (2:16-23).

Let Christ and His word be the center of your life (3:1-4:6).

Seek the things above (3:1-4).

Put off sin and put on His character (3:5-14).

Let his peace and word rule in your hearts; and do everything in His name (3:15-17).

Let every relationship of life be governed by his will (3:18-4:6)

Let husbands, wives, children, and parents fulfill their role according to His will (3:18-21).

Servants, do your work as unto the Lord. Masters, remember Christ is master over you (3:22-4:1).

Be devoted to prayer, especially for me, that I may be able to teach the word to others (4:2-4).

Conduct yourselves toward unbelievers with wisdom, especially in how you speak to them (4:5-6)

I am sending Tychicus and Onesimus to you that you might know about my situation; greetings to all the church (4:7-18).