

# COLOSSIANS

WHAT IS YOUR  
“AUTHORITY”???

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ONE OF PAUL'S  
4 "PRISON EPISTLES"

PAUL MADE 3 MISSIONARY TRIPS...  
AFTER HIS 3<sup>RD</sup> TRIP, HE WAS ARRESTED,  
AND SPENT 2 YEARS AS A PRISONER  
IN CAESAREA.

THEN HE WAS TAKEN TO ROME,  
STILL AS A PRISONER,  
AND SURVIVED A TERRIBLE STORM AND  
SHIPWRECK ON THE WAY.

DURING THAT 2-YEAR IMPRISONMENT  
IN ROME,  
BEFORE HE WAS RELEASED,  
HE WROTE  
EPHESIANS  
PHILIPPIANS  
COLOSSIANS, AND  
PHILEMON





## WHY STUDY COLOSSIANS???

1. Because we live in the “*space age*”!
2. Because we also live in an “ecumenical” or “syncretistic” age!

## WHY STUDY COLOSSIANS???

3. Because even many Christians are denying the sufficiency of Christ and Scripture.



## WHY STUDY COLOSSIANS???

4. Because we live in a world of superficiality and pragmatism!

## WHY STUDY COLOSSIANS???

5. Although the Rapture has not happened, yet,  
IT IS COMING!!!
6. Since Paul had never visited Colossae, his letter to the believers there may be more doctrinal and practical and less...”personal.”

## WHY STUDY COLOSSIANS???

7. Because we live in a world filled with  
DISTRACTIONS!!!

The Theme Verse of Colossians: Col. 1:10a

“So that you will walk in a manner  
worthy of the Lord,  
to please Him in all respects....”

## WHY STUDY COLOSSIANS???

8. Because we live in a world that rejects absolute authority!

## WHY STUDY COLOSSIANS???

9. Because Paul not only discusses deeply theological issues, like the Deity of Christ and forgiveness of sins, but also intensely practical issues like marriage, family, work, and loving interpersonal relationships!

So we will study Colossians...

“So that you will walk in a manner  
worthy of the Lord,  
to please Him in all respects....”

**The Authority for**  
*“walking in a manner worthy of the Lord”:*  
**“Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ!”**

ἀπόστολος ↔ “apostolos”

“Translated” = “Transliterated” =  
**“MESSENGER”**                      **“APOSTLE”**



Paul was speaking/writing  
as an apostle of Jesus Christ!

**“By the will of God”**

As such, he was being directed by  
the Holy Spirit!

- II Peter 1:15-21, esp. 20-21
- II Timothy 3:16-17.

**The Prerequisite Position for**  
*“walking in a manner worthy of the Lord”:*

“Saints”

“Faithful Brethren  
in Christ”

## **APPLICATIONS** for

*“walking in a manner worthy of the Lord”:*

- The Word of God needs to be our authority in EVERYTHING!
- We are not “Apostles,” but...we are BELIEVERS by “the will of God!”  
Give Him Thanks!!!

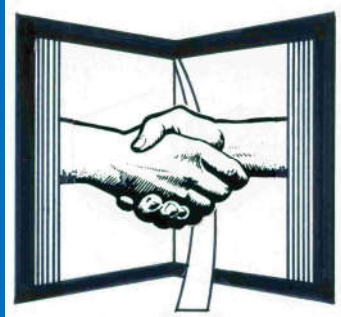
## **APPLICATIONS for**

*“walking in a manner worthy of the Lord”:*

- We are not “Apostles,” but...we too have received a spiritual gift to use to serve HIM as we minister to the Body of Christ.”

**“So that you will walk in a manner  
worthy of the Lord,  
to please Him in all respects....”**

**Living and Submitting to the Authority of  
God’s Word, as His saints  
Giving Thanks to Him through Jesus Christ  
Ministering our spiritual gifts for His glory!**



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