

# COLOSSIANS

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*”!  
**But see 1:16 and 3:11**
2. Because we also live in an “ecumenical” or “syncretistic” age!

See 2:16; 2:18; 2:20-23!

**But Paul says...2:8!**

## WHY STUDY COLOSSIANS???

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

Of 95 verses in Colossians...

“Christ” occurs in 24; “Jesus” in 1 more; “Lord,” in 13; “head,” occurs 3 times, “Master” occurs once, and “God” occurs 7 more times, totaling 43 different verses, or almost once every 2 verses.

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**And Paul says...1:17-18; 2:9-10; 3:16**

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

**But Paul says...1:28!**

## WHY STUDY COLOSSIANS???

5. Although the Rapture did not happen last Monday, IT IS COMING!!!

**Listen to 3:1-4; 3:23-24**

6. Since Paul had never visited Colossae, his letter to the believers there may be more doctrinal and practical and less...”personal.”

**As Paul says in...2:1-3!**

## WHY STUDY COLOSSIANS???

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

Look again at 1:17-18!

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!

Look again at 2:8; 18-19!

1:1 “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ,  
by the will of God....”

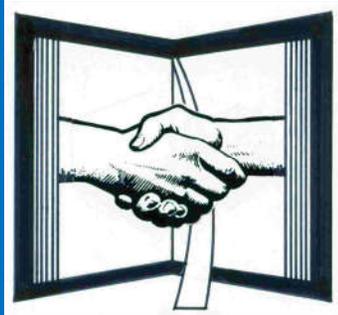
- Paul’s testimony, Galatians 1:11-17!
- I Thessalonians 2:13!

## 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...

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