

Colossians & Philemon
Bilingual Bible Class at Embry Hills
Segment 3: James Newman & Bill Christian

Text:

[Colossians](#)
[Philemon](#)

Supplemental Materials:

[The Epistle To The Colossians](#) (Mark Copeland)
[Colossians Lessons](#) (Marty Broadwell)
[Colossians Charts](#) (Marty Broadwell)
[The Book of Colossians: Complete in Christ](#) (Phillip Shumake)
[Colossians: The Preeminence of Christ](#) (Brent Kercheville)
[Colossians and Philemon](#) (Embry Hills Lesson Database)
[The Epistle to Philemon](#) (Mark Copeland)

Goals:

1. Understand and appreciate the preeminence of Christ.
2. Defend against worldly arguments which undermine Christ.
3. Elevate thoughts toward heavenly blessings in Christ.
4. Make decisions in the light of Christ's leadership.

Themes:

Colossians: Complete in Christ (Col. 1:28; 2:9-10)
 Philemon: Appeal for a Brother (Philemon 10-11)

Lesson	Date	Topic	Teacher
1	Sun 1-2-22	Introduction to Colossians	James
2	Wed 1-5-22	Intro. Continued & Col. 1:1-11, Thanking God for the Colossians' Hope	James
3	Sun 1-9-22	Colossians 1:9-23, Growth/Strength Prayer & Thanks for Deliv.	Bill
4	Wed 1-12-22	Colossians 1:24-2:5, Paul's Work in the Gospel for Colossians	Bill
5	Sun 1-16-22	Colossians 2:6-16, Warning Against Reasoning, Traditions, & Old Law	James
6	Wed 1-19-22	Colossians 2:17-3:4, Warning Against False Doctrines	James
7	Sun 1-23-22	Colossians 3:5-11, Put Off and Put On (Part 1)	Bill
8	Wed 1-26-22	Colossians 3:12-17, Put Off and Put On (Part 2)	Bill
9	Sun 1-30-22	Colossians 3:18-4:1, Family and Workplace Relationships	James
10	Wed 2-2-22	Colossians 4:2-6, Exploring Prayer and Wise Living	James
11	Sun 2-6-22	Colossians 4:7-18, Greetings To and From Friends, & Final Prayer	Bill
12	Wed 2-9-22	Review of Colossians	Bill
13	Sun 2-13-22	Philemon	James

Colossians - Lesson 2 - Intro. Cont. & Col. 1:1-11, Thanking God for the Colossians' Hope

1) What are the main points of this chapter?

2) Who joins Paul in the salutation of this epistle? (1)

3) What three things had Paul heard about the Colossians, for which he gave thanks? (3-5)

4) How long had the gospel been bringing forth fruit in their lives? (6)

5) Who had informed Paul of their condition? (8)

6) List four things for which Paul prayed concerning the Colossians (9-11)

Colossians - Lesson 3 - Colossians 1:9-23, Growth/Strength Prayer & Thanks for Deliverance

1) Into what have we been translated? (13)

2) What does one enjoy in Christ? (14)

3) List five things that illustrate Christ's preeminence in creation (15-17)

4) List four things that illustrate Christ's preeminence in redemption (18-20)

5) What was the former condition of the Colossians? How were they changed? (21-22)

6) Upon what condition would they be presented holy, blameless and irreproachable? (22-23)

Colossians - Lesson 4 - Colossians 1:24-2:5, Paul's Work in the Gospel for Colossians

1) What is said about the "mystery" which has been hidden? (26)

2) What is the glorious nature of this "mystery"? (27)

3) What was Paul's goal in preaching Christ? (28)

4) What was Paul's strong desire for those he had not seen? (1-2)

5) What is "hidden" in Christ? (3)

6) What had Paul seen in the Colossians that caused him to rejoice? (5)

Colossians - Lesson 5 - Colossians 2:6-17, Warnings Against Reasoning, Traditions, & Old Law

1) How were the Colossians to walk in Christ? (6-7)

2) What three things might be used to "cheat" us? (8)

3) What is said about Jesus in relation to the Godhead? (9)

4) What is our condition in Christ? (10)

5) What sort of "circumcision" have we had in Christ? (11)

6) What takes place in baptism? Who is the one at work in baptism? (12-13)

7) What did Christ take out of the way, having nailed it to the cross? (14)

8) In what things should we not let others judge us? (16)

Colossians - Lesson 6 - Colossians 2:17-3:4, Warning Against False Doctrines

1) Foods, Festivals, & Sabbath days are only a shadow of what?

2) In what ways might people seek to defraud us? (18)

3) What sort of "basic principles of the world" might others try to regulate upon us? (21)

4) What is the truth about such traditions of men? (22-23)

5) What twofold charge is given to those who have been raised with Christ? (1-2)

6) Where is our "life" at the present? When shall it appear? (3-4)

7) What sins are we to "put to death"? (5)

Colossians - Lesson 7 - Colossians 3:5-11, Put Off and Put On (Part 1)

1) Again, what sins are we to "put to death"? (5)

2) Why must we put them to death? (6)

3) What other sins must we "put off"? (8,9) Mark A. Copeland The Book Of Colossians 19

4) What have we "put off", and what have we "put on"? (9-10)

5) As God's elect (chosen), holy and beloved, what are we to "put on"?

Colossians - Lesson 8 - Colossians 3:12-17, Put Off and Put On (Part 2)

1) Again, as God's elect (chosen), holy and beloved, what are we to "put on"? (12-14)

2) What must we allow the "peace of God" to do? (15)

3) What must we allow the "word of Christ" to do? (16)

4) How are we to teach and admonish one another? (16)

5) How are we to do all things, whether in word or deed? (17)

Colossians - Lesson 9 - Colossians 3:18-4:1, Family and Workplace Relationships

1) What is the duty of wives? (18)

2) What is the duty of husbands? (19)

3) What is the duty of children? (20)

4) What is the duty of fathers? (21)

5) What is the duty of servants? (22-23)

6) What positive motivation is there for a servant to so act? What negative motivation? (24-25)

7) What is the duty of masters? What motivation is offered to do this? (4:1)

Lesson 10 - Colossians - Colossians 4:2-6, Exploring Prayer and Wise Living

1) What are the main points of this chapter?

2) What is Paul's instruction about prayer?

3) In calling them to earnest prayer, what four things does Paul ask of them? (2-4)

4) How were they to walk? (5)

5) How were they to speak? (6)

6) How does speaking with grace especially apply to those who will question us? (6)

Lesson 11 - Colossians - Colossians 4:7-18, Greetings To and From Friends, & Final Prayer

- 1) How is Tychicus described? Why was Paul sending him? (7-8)

- 2) How is Onesimus described? What was Paul sending him? (9)

- 3) What three men were Paul's only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who were of the circumcision, i.e. Jews? (10-11)

- 4) What is said about Epaphras in relation to the churches in Colosse, Laodicea, & Hierapolis? (12-13)

- 5) Who else sends greetings? (14)

- 6) To what two groups does Paul send greetings? (15)

- 7) What was to be done with the epistle after it had been read to the church? (16)

- 8) What was to be done with an epistle coming from Laodicea? (16)

- 9) What special charge does Paul tell them to give to Archippus? (17)

- 10) How does Paul confirm that this epistle was from him? (18)

- 11) What final request does Paul ask of the Colossians? (18)

- 12) What final prayer does Paul offer on behalf of the brethren? (18)

Lesson 12 - Colossians - Review of Colossians

- 1) Name the author and state his location and circumstances?
- 2) Who were the readers, their location and race?
- 3) What other churches were close by?
- 4) What were the approximate dates of the writing?
- 5) Who carried the letter?
- 6) What other letters were written about the same time?
- 7) What seems to be the reason for the writing of Colossians?
- 8) State the theme in your own words or quote verses which state it.
- 9) List three errors apparently being taught in Colossae.
- 10) What were some appeals mentioned in chapter 2 which made these errors attractive?
- 11) What two things had Paul heard of in the Colossian church?
- 12) What did Paul ask for them in prayer?
- 13) List three things Christ rules, controls or dominates.
- 14) List some important things about the Son stated in 1:15-18
- 15) What was the former condition of the Colossians (and of us)? What did God do for us?

- 16) What was the "mystery" which Paul was appointed to reveal?
- 17) What is our defense against "Persuasive Speech" and "Human Philosophy?"
- 18) What are two reasons one should not subject himself to "regulations" of men.
- 19) What two circumcisions are described here?
- 20) When were we buried and raised with Christ? Where then should our affections be?
- 21) Name three things we should put off.
- 22) Name three things we should put on.
- 23) What motivates us to do right in all our relationships?
- 24) List some of Paul's friends and companions.
- 25) In what other church was this epistle to be read?
- 26) What were the Colossians to read?

Lesson 13 - Philemon

- 1) List the main points of this epistle
- 2) Why does Paul refer to himself as a prisoner of Christ Jesus? (1)
- 3) Why the mention of Timothy? (1)
- 4) What does Philemon's name mean? Did he live up to it?
- 5) Who, possibly, are Apphia and Archippus? (2)
- 6) Is this letter primarily to Philemon, or to all?
- 7) What is a good example of this family's devotion to Christ and of their hospitality to the saints? (2)
- 8) Define the terms "grace" and "peace" (3)
- 9) How could Paul have heard about Philemon? (4,5)
- 10) What good things had Paul heard concerning Philemon? (5)
- 11) What are some examples of Philemon's love for the saints?
- 12) What does Paul pray for on behalf of Philemon? (6)
- 13) How is this prayer related to the plea which follows in verses 8-21?
- 14) What had given Paul great joy and comfort in his imprisonment? (7)
- 15) How does Paul re-emphasize his close feelings for Philemon? (7)
- 16) What does the word "therefore" indicate? (8)
- 17) What could Paul have done in this matter? (8)
- 18) What does Paul do instead? (9)
- 19) Why does Paul call himself "the aged"? (9)
- 20) Why does he again refer to himself as a prisoner? (9)
- 21) In the original language, where does the name "Onesimus" appear in the sentence? (10)
- 22) What significance might there be in placing Onesimus' name at the end of the sentence?
- 23) What does Paul call Onesimus? What does it mean? (10)

- 24) What does the name "Onesimus" mean?
- 25) How had becoming a Christian changed Onesimus? (11)
- 26) What does Paul want Philemon to do in regard to Onesimus? (12)
- 27) How does Paul express further what Onesimus has meant to him? (12)
- 28) What had Paul wished to do with Onesimus? (13)
- 29) Why had Paul refrained from doing what he wished? (14)
- 30) What did Paul see as the "possible" reason for this turn of events? (15)
- 31) How did Paul want Philemon to receive Onesimus? (16)
- 32) Upon what basis does Paul ask Philemon to receive Onesimus as he would Paul himself? (17)
- 33) What is Paul willing to do on behalf of Onesimus? (18-19)
- 34) What indicates that Paul may have personally converted Philemon to the gospel? (19)
- 35) How will Philemon's forgiveness of Onesimus affect Paul? (20)
- 36) Was Paul in doubt about Philemon's response to his request? (21)
- 37) How could Philemon do more than what Paul had asked of him?
- 38) How might Paul's request for lodging tactfully induce Philemon to honor his request for Onesimus? (22)
- 39) Where else do we read of these men who accompany Paul in sending greetings to Philemon? (23,24)