

COLOSSIANS

#### **INTRODUCTION**

# **OUR GOAL**

To give you the tools to study the Bible on your own with confidence, providing a better understanding of God and your relationship with Him.

# THE PLAN

Each month, we will introduce another book of the Bible and give you some guidance to help you study on your own.

# WHAT YOU NEED:

- A Bible you are comfortable marking in.
- Some markers or colored pencils.
- Worksheets we will provide.
- Time (about 30 minutes each day).
- Prayer (we always need God's help as we study the Bible).

#### **BIBLE STUDY METHOD**

- Observation | What does it say? (Interrogate the text: who, what, when, where, and how.)
- Interpretation | What did it mean to the intended audience?
- Application | What did I learn that should affect my life? (Is there a behavior, attitude, or understanding that should change in my life?)

# **GOALS** (Each is valuable independently, but all three combined will provide the greatest result.)

- Read (hopefully more than once).
- Mark (strategically looking for details that matter).
- Record (lists and labels-themes, places, teaching, prophecies, etc.).

#### **COLOSSIANS** *The Secret*

Paul did not personally start the church in Colosse, nor had he ever visited them, but the church was started as an extension of his faithful ministry in that region.

It's important to understand the culture that is influencing the believers in Colosse. Do some research to find out what those influences were.

Look for similarities to the cultural pressure on the church today.

# THE BASICS

What kind of literature is Colossians?

Who wrote it?

Where was he when it was written?

Who is it written to?

Approximately when was it written?

Why was it written?

# LIST THINGS YOU LEARN ABOUT PAUL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHURCH AT COLOSSE.

(Record the passage where you found it.)

1) Paul prays for them. (Colossians 1:3, 9)

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# WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

#### **Epaphras**

#### Tychicus

#### Onesimus

#### Aristarchus

Mark (John Mark)

# **WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?** Luke Barnabas Justus (Jesus Justus) Demas Timothy

# WHO IS JESUS?

He purchased our and forgave our (1:14)
He is the God. (1:15)
He before anything was created and is over all (1:15)
Through him God everything in the realms and on (1:16)
He made the things we can and the things we can't (1:16)
Everything was through him and him. (1:16)
He before anything else. (1:17)
He holds all together. (1:17)
He is the head of the, which is his (1:18)
He is the, supreme over all who from the So he is first in (1:18)
God in all his was pleased to in Christ, and through him God everything to (1:19-20)
He made with everything in and on
by means of Christ's on the (1:20)
In him lie all the treasures of and (2:3)

And this is the secret; Christ lives in you. Colossians 1:27

# **INSTRUCTIONS & WARNINGS**

You must continue to	him [Jesus]. (2:6)		
Let your be on hir	down into him, and let y m. (2:6)	/our	
Don't let anyone yo high-sounding thinking and from the (2:8)	that come from		
Set your on the rea Christ in the place of _ Think about the things of	at God's rig	ht hand. (3	
(3:2) So put to the			
within you. Have nothing to do wit , and evil	th sexual	, impurity	У,
Don't be, for a worshiping the of			,
But now is the time to get rid of, slander, and dirt		nalicious	
Don't to each othe	r. (3:9)		
Put on your new learn to know your			
Clothe yourself with tenderhearted gentleness, and (3	d, kindness, :12)		,
He [Jesus] canceled the record o took it aw	of the charges against us o vay by nailing it to the cr Colossians 2	and ross. 2:14	

Make	for each other's		, and
	_anyone who		
	ne yourselves with in perfect		
Let the	that comes from (3:15)		rule in your
and always be	e (3:15)	1	
Let the your	about (3:16)	, in all its	richness, fill
Teach and gives. (3:16)	each other with	n all the	he
Sing with	and and sp hearts. (3	oiritual ::16)	to
	do or say, do it as a through hir		
for the will give you ar	at whatever you do, rather than for n as yo you are serving is	Rem our	ember the Lord , and that
	ves to w heart. (4:2)	ith an alert	and
Live the most of eve	among those who are n ery (4	ot :5)	, and make
	rsation be ave the right		

# WORTH REMEMBERING

Colossians is full of life-changing truth that can grow your relationship with Jesus, maybe especially when you are challenged by the culture of darkness we are living in. The challenge is to choose at least 2 verses to commit to memory this month. Record those below and make note of any impact those words have on your life.

> Be sure to carry out the mínístry the Lord gave you. Colossíans 4:17

# **CHAPTER THEMES**

Chapter 1	
Chapter 2	
Chapter 3	
Chapter 4	