

# Colossians from 1:1 to 4:18

(Kevin Vigneault/Colossians/3.15.15)  
9 am Lord's Table Worship Service

- I. Basic Background (1:1-3)
  - a. Author – Paul & co-author Timothy - VS. 1
  - b. Recipients - The church in Colossae - VS. 2
  - c. Relationship – Paul is grateful for them - VS. 3
- II. Paul's gratitude for the Gospel in their lives (1:4-8)
  - a. Their Faith and Love - VS. 4
    - i. Based on hope - VS. 5
  - b. The Gospel - VS. 5
    - i. Bearing fruit, increasing - VS. 6-8
- III. Paul's prayer for them (1:9-14)
  - a. Knowledge and wisdom - VS. 9
  - b. Application: walking worthy - VS. 10
  - c. Ability: strengthened by God - VS. 11
  - d. Result: giving thanks - VS. 12
    - i. For His rescuing us – VS. 13-14
      - 1. Through His Son
- IV. Christ the Image of God (1:15-23)
  - a. Preeminent in all creation – VS. 15-17
  - b. Head of the Church – VS. 18-23
    - i. For reconciliation is through Him. – VS. 20
    - ii. You personally reconciled through Him – VS. 21-22
    - iii. If you continue in faith – VS. 23
- V. Paul's testimony of ministry (1:24-29)
  - a. Rejoices in suffering – VS. 24
  - b. Laboring to minister the Gospel – VS. 25-29
- VI. Paul's warning of false teachings (Ch. 2)
  - a. Paul's deep concern – VS. 1, 8, 16,
  - b. They be strengthened in their faith through each other – VS. 2-5
- c. They be strengthened by walking and being rooted in Christ – VS. 6-7
- d. They be strengthened by focusing on Christ – VS. 8-23
  - i. His fullness of Deity – VS. 9
  - ii. His completing us – VS. 10
  - iii. His headship – VS. 10
  - iv. His renewing (circumcision of the heart) – VS. 11-13
  - v. His forgiveness – VS. 13-15
  - vi. His fulfillment (of the foreshadows) - VS. 17
  - vii. His headship – VS. 18-19
  - viii. His true wisdom (versus man's wisdom) – VS. 20-23
- VII. The believer's new life (3:1-4:6)
  - a. A believer's heart and mind is to be set above – VS. 1-4
  - b. This is done in five arenas – VS. 3:5-4:6
    - i. Personal life – VS. 3:5-11
      - 1. Put aside sensual sin - VS. 5-7
      - 2. Put aside evil speaking – VS. 8-11
    - ii. Church life – VS. 12-17
      - 1. Love one another – VS. 12-14
      - 2. Allow God's peace to rule – VS. 15
      - 3. Allow Christ's Word to dwell – VS. 16
      - 4. Glorify Christ – VS. 14
    - iii. Family life - VS. 18-4:1
      - 1. Wives be submissive – VS. 18
      - 2. Husbands be loving – VS. 19
      - 3. Children be obedient – VS. 20
      - 4. Parents encouraging hearts – VS. 21
      - 5. Slaves serve as you are serving the Lord – VS. 22-25
      - 6. Masters rule in light of your ruler – VS. 4:1
    - iv. Prayer life – VS. 2-4
      - 1. Devoting oneself to it – VS. 2
      - 2. Praying for others – VS. 3-4
    - v. Conduct towards unbelievers – VS. 5-6
      - 1. Wisdom – VS. 5a

2. Taking opportunities – VS. 5b

3. Graceful speech – VS. 6

VIII. Final greetings/farewells (4:7-4:18)

a. Snap shot of Paul's associates – VS. 7-14

i. Servants can come in all shapes and sizes – servant hearted, social ranges, compassionate, second chancers, fair, committed, focused, failing.

b. Final charges – VS. 15-18

i. Have relationships with other churches – VS. 15

ii. Have an emphasis on God's Word – VS. 16

iii. Have a commitment to ministry – VS. 17

iv. Have Grace – VS. 18

Breaking down the book simply would look like this: Their salvation, their warning against false teachings, and the way of living out their salvation.

In sum, those who have the Gospel need to guard it and live it out by looking to Jesus (2:15, 3:17).