



COLOSSIANS: How the fullness of Christ leads to fully living out Christ

PURPOSE—To protect the Colossians from false teaching by pointing them to the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ as their Lord and Savior, along with instructing them specifically to live out their new life that flows directly from Christ.

OUTLINE:

- I. Opening Greeting (1:1-2)
- II. Paul presents the ramifications of the gospel for the Colossians (1:3-23)
- III. Paul presents the ramifications of his ministry for the Colossians (1:24-2:5)
- IV. Paul presents the ramifications of false teaching for the Colossians (2:6-23)
- V. Paul presents the ramifications of Christ's salvation for the Colossians (3:1-4:6)
- VI. Closing Greeting (4:7-18)

GREETING: 1:1-2

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHRIST'S SUPREMACY:

- 1. The rich wisdom of Christ is superior to worldly wisdom—1:9-10; 2:1-4
- 2. The unique person of Christ is superior to other beings-1:15-20, 2:9-10
- 3. The secure salvation of Christ is superior to man's efforts—2:11-15
- 4. The full essence of Christ is superior to empty externals—2:16-23

(Heb 10:11-23)