

# Colossians – Lesson 1

## Christ's Connection to God.. He's Him

### Verses to Remember

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation." Colossians 1:15 NIV

### Colossians 1:1-14

1. Who is writing this book?

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2. How do you sense Paul feels about the Colossians?

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3. In the first 7 verses, how many times does Paul reference Christ?

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### Colossians 1:15-23

1. Who is writing this book?

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2. According to those verses, what are some things that Paul claims Jesus does?

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### Who is Jesus

When we say Jesus is God, we are saying that He created everything. He not only created it, but He holds it together. Weather patterns and tectonic plates and human emotions were invented by Him. They are subject to His authority. Nothing happens unless He gives the okay.

3. How does that match up with what you usually think about Jesus?

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4. Is there anything in those verses that you've never thought of before, or causes you to think differently?

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5. Can you pick apart this passage and make an argument that Jesus was/is NOT God, based on what He isn't and what He doesn't do?

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**Colossians 1:15-23 and Philippians 2:5-11**

1. What was Jesus' reaction to His deity?

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2. What was Paul's reaction?

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3. What should your reaction be?

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**Homework:**

- Memorize Colossians 1:15
- Record the amount of time you spend doing different tasks during the week. How much of the time you spent during the week honored God?

# Colossians – Lesson 2

## Our Connection To Christ

### Verses to Remember

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.." Colossians 2:6-7 NIV

### Colossians 1:24-28

1. Verse 26 says that that mystery had been kept a secret for "ages and generations (NIV)." What does that mean?

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2. Who do you think the "saints" are in verse 26?

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3. Who is Paul active in telling about this great mystery, according to verse 28?

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### Colossians 1:29-2:5

1. How many times does Paul say "I" or "my" or some other me-focused word in these verses?

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2. What is Paul's role in making the gospel known?

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3. Is it easy for him? What are some of his struggles?

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4. To what degree do you find it hard to share the gospel? What are some of your obstacles?

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**Colossians 2:6-15**

1. Restate in your own words, what is Paul getting at here.

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2. Verse 6 says we should "continue to live" for Christ. What does that mean to you?

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3. What do the Christian life and plants have in common?

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4. What is the "written code" mentioned in verse 14 and what happened to it?

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5. How should what Christ did (verse 13-15) influence our ability to "continue to live in Him"?

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**Colossians 2:16-23**

1. Can you see any of these such things in this passage?

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2. Whether it's a New Moon festival or the worship of angels, how do the things Paul lists here affect our salvation?

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3. According to verse 22, what will happen to these things? Why will such things perish?

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4. Why do you think these things lack value in the Christian life, like Paul says in verse 23?

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5. Are there similar teachings out there today? How can we distinguish between heresy and truth?

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# CONNECTIONS



**It's hard to share the gospel when...**

**A Connection to Christ is:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



**Faith + \_\_\_\_\_**

**Homework:**

- Memorize Colossians 2:6-7
- Determine what obstacles are in your way to growing closer to Christ and remove them.

# Colossians – Lesson 3

## Our Connection To The World

### Verses to Remember

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:2 NIV

### Colossians 3:1-17

1. What are some of the worldly things we are supposed to rid ourselves of?

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2. According to this text, what are some things we are supposed to embrace in their place?

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3. What does Paul say is the reason we should do this?

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4. So with all that said, if I asked you straight up what our connection to the world should be, what would you say? Why?

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### Matthew 5:13-16

1. What are some of the worldly things we are supposed to rid ourselves of?

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### John 15:18-19

1. What do those verses say about our relationship to the world? How does it compare to what we've already studied?

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2. Does the world hate you? Have you ever been persecuted for your faith or "hated" on account of Jesus?

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3. What does that say about your faith?

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**MEMORY VERSE**

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:2 NIV

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1. What does it mean to be worldly?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Do you think this is a good or bad thing? Why or why not?



**ALIEN OBSERVATIONS ...**

**Confessions**

**Homework:**

- Memorize Colossians 3:2
- Look at your walk with Jesus through the eyes of an alien, that is someone outside the church or someone outside of your social circle, What do they see? Love, hate, rejection, acceptance, apathy or someone that truly cares.
- How might the life you live be a beacon that points people to Jesus?

# Colossians – Lesson 4

## Our Connection to Each Other

### Verses to Remember

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23 NIV



## CONNECTIONS

Husbands should ...

Wives should ...

Children should ...

Fathers should ...

Slaves should ...

Masters should ...

**My List**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Paul's List ...	
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**Homework:**

- Memorize Colossians 3:23
- Make an effort, starting this week, to be there for someone else and help them with their spiritual journey.
- Make a list of things for which you would like to be remembered.