



INTERNATIONAL STANDARD BIBLE STUDY CURRICULUM

COLOSSIANS: THE CHRIST OF THE CHURCH

QUESTION MANUAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Textbook: *Teacher's Bible*, Colossians

Discussion Questions: Write a **100-word** paragraph in answer to the following questions (Final scores for this course will be deminished if students copy directly from the textbook):

1. What are the mandates (instructions) that Paul gave to the Colossians in the context of **Colossians 1:1-14**? (These are things that he instructed them to do.)
2. In the context of **Colossians 1:15-23**, and as one with the eternal God, what characteristics, or functions, did Jesus have with the one God before His incarnation.
3. What was the stewardship what was given to Paul (**Colossians 1:25**)?
4. Explain the warning that Paul gives in **Colossians 2:8**?
5. What did Paul mean in **Colossians 2:11** when he referred to the Colossians were circumcised, but not with the circumcision made with hands?
6. In **Colossians 2:14**, to what does the phrase "*wiping out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us*" refer?
7. What were, and how did Jesus disarm principalities and powers (**Colossians 2:15**)?
8. How does Jesus now function as the head of the church?
9. What is "self-made religion"?
10. What does the phrase "raised with Christ" mean?

Memory Verses: Colossians 1:16-18; 2:13-15,17,18,19; 3:12,13,16; 4:6

Expository Teaching: The student is required to teach a weekly class on Colossians for **six** (6) weeks to no less than **five** (5) students. Upon completion, and for credit of the course, at least **two** (2) students must submit a letter that explains their evaluation of the class.

Reading: Read the book of Colossians **TWENTY** (20) times. Each reading must consist of reading the book through in its entirety.

Introduction

True or False:

1. ____ It is in Christ that all the fullness of the Godhead dwells.
2. ____ The Colossian church met in at least two church buildings that had been built by the church.
3. ____ Some in Colosse believed that Jesus was superior to man, but not great enough in deity to qualify Him to be the sacrificial offering of the incarnate God on behalf of humanity.
4. ____ The book of Colossians focuses on the history of the church.
5. ____ Since Jesus is who He said He was, such should motivate Christian behavior.
6. ____ A mixture of eastern mysticism with Judaism produced a Judaeo-gnosticism in the region of Colosse.
7. ____ A system of legalistic religiosity came into the church of Colosse as a substitute for salvation by God's grace.
8. ____ Titus was one of the evangelists of the region where Colosse was located.
9. ____ It is believed that the church in Colosse was composed primarily of Gentiles.
10. ____ Paul's purpose for writing the book of Colossians was to exalt the preeminence of Jesus over all things.
11. ____ Stoic and Epicurean philosophies, with Egyptian religious beliefs, abounded in the region of Colosse.
12. ____ During Paul's first Roman imprisonment in Rome, he wrote Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Acts.
13. ____ Paul wrote the book of Colossians to explain his apostolic work of preaching the truth of the gospel in a world of false religion
14. ____ Colosse was a religious center, being the location of the throne of the goddess Zeus.
15. ____ Colossians was one of the six letters that Paul wrote during his first Roman imprisonment.

Chapter 1

Fill in the blanks:

Answers to Questions 1-17

relational, exists, knowledge, Epaphras, body, Christ, *pleroma*, apostle, grace, faith, Gnostics, evangelists, Passover/Pentecost, fruit, Jesus, incarnation, Roman, apostles, truth, qualified, faithfulness, headship, Rome, Colosse, conceit, authority, atoning, Timothy, presence, gospel, Timothy, grace, resurrection, baptism

1. Paul was a Christ-sent _____ because he was personally called and commissioned by _____ .
2. The _____ believed that Jesus was an emanation who had digressed from the _____ of God.
3. The self-acclaimed wisdom and _____ of the false teachers in the Colossian church led to pride, _____ and arrogance in their behavior.
4. Jesus' _____ of the church proclaims that He only is the One from whom all _____ must come.
5. Love is the _____ of the Spirit upon which all _____ actions are based among the disciples of Jesus.
6. Both Paul and _____ were sincerely thankful for the _____ of the Colossian disciples.
7. By the time the letter of Colossians was written, the _____ had been preached throughout the _____ Empire.
8. The gospel is the good news about Jesus' _____ sacrifice on the cross for the sins, His burial and _____ for our hope.
9. Any religious belief that does not have _____ as its central figure of all that _____ cannot be true.
10. _____ is the response action on the part of those who accept the free gift of _____ .
11. _____ was with Paul in _____ at the time Paul wrote the letter to the Colossians.
12. Christians have been _____ for salvation on the basis of God's _____ .
13. No man can claim to have _____ in Jesus without loving also the _____ of Christ.
14. The purpose of Jesus' _____ was to bring fallen man into the eternal _____ of God.
15. The _____ of the event of Jesus' death for our sins and resurrection for our hope was reported to the Colossians by _____ who had gone into all the world to preach the good news.
16. _____ was given credit for nurturing the new converts in _____ by reaffirming the same good news that Paul had preached.
17. The twelve _____ waited in Jerusalem after A.D. 30 in order to preach to Jews who continued to come to Jerusalem for the annual _____ feasts.

Answers to Questions 18-35

resists, create, resurrected, cross, created, grace, kingship, gospel, representation, blood, hope, God, cleansed, apostles, reconciled, mystery, obey, truth, submissive, above, beginning, Jesus, contact, Adam, blood, transfers, humble, attributes, sufferings, die, Gnostics, edification, eternity, strengthened, blemish, insights

18. From the viewpoint of God, every Christian is _____ of every sin by the continual cleansing power of the _____ of Jesus.
19. Jesus is before all things, which means that He is _____ all that has been _____ .
20. Paul was willing to continue in the _____ of Christ in order to continue the building and _____ of the church.
21. Through the sacrificial blood of Jesus we have been restored or _____ again to God as we were before the fall of man through _____ .
22. If one is moved away from the _____ of the gospel, then he will not be presented without _____ before God.
23. The _____ that God would reconcile all men into one body through the _____ was hidden from the minds of men since the creation of the world.
24. One characteristic of the _____ was their claim to have special _____ into the will of God.
25. God _____ the proud and gives grace to the _____ .
26. Only the Christ-sent _____ were given the privilege of receiving by revelation all _____ that was to be given to the church.
27. The more _____ one becomes in attitude and behavior, the more he is _____ with the power of God.
28. Jesus was the first to be _____ from the dead never to _____ again.
29. Jesus is the reflection or _____ of the character and _____ of God.
30. Our response to God's _____ has brought us into contact with the sacrificial _____ of Jesus.
31. Jesus is the _____ of all that has been _____ .
32. If anyone seeks to find _____ , he must find Him through _____ .
33. One must come into _____ with God in order to exist throughout _____ .
34. The grace of God not only motivates one to _____ the gospel, but also to preach and teach the _____ to others.
35. The Father spiritually _____ the obedient from the domination of Satan to the _____ of Jesus.

Chapter 2

Fill in the blanks:

Answers to Questions 1-25

behavior, saved, Pharisees, themselves, buried, Scriptures, unity, religiosity, physical, control, covenant, unseen, evangelists, justification, beliefs, presumptuous, nature, Christ, saved, cleansed, circumcision, ourselves, man-made, grace, vision, washes, system, physical, word, beware, old man, healthy, work, performance, spiritual, philosophy, ceremonies, fall, freedom, Gnostics, doctrine, blood, deceptions, inventions, men, baptism, God, meritorious, immersed, revelation

1. _____ should have a vision beyond their personal presence in order to instill within others the _____ of preaching the gospel beyond their local regions.
2. The disciple of Jesus works because he is _____, not in order to be _____.
3. If one seeks knowledge in reference to _____ things, then he must search the _____.
4. As the scribes and _____ during the days of Jesus, the religious performers in Colosse manifested great religiosity in their _____ and pompous wisdom.
5. One who has been discipled to Jesus is _____ in order to come into a _____ relationship with God.
6. The only way one can know those things that are beyond the _____ world is through the _____ of God.
7. What men could not do on their own through _____ of law that brought sin and death, God accomplished through the gospel of _____.
8. Christians are to stay away from constructing a _____ system of religion that would be after the nature of _____ religions.
9. The more _____ one individual gives another in love, the more the two are in _____ with one another.
10. A warning that one _____ assumes that one can _____ from his saved relationship with Jesus.
11. It is important what one believes because our _____ are the foundation upon which our _____ stands.
12. At the point of _____ in water God pronounces one _____ of sin.
13. The fact that Paul said by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we cannot know those things that are beyond the _____ world should forever warn those prognosticators who suppose that they have experienced the _____ world of spirits.
14. _____ is the thinking of man, and thus the more one obsesses with the thinking of man, the further he moves from _____.
15. The _____ of the body of Christ is that it must nurture itself in order to remain _____.
16. It is _____ of anyone to lead himself to believe that he can worship God according to his own religious _____.
17. _____ is based on the desires of the worshiper to consider himself religious before God on the basis of his own devised _____ of religion.
18. The commandments of _____ will not profit in reference to one's _____ before God.
19. The Colossians had crucified themselves with _____, and subsequently, they were _____ with Him in the waters of baptism.
20. If one does not allow himself to be directed by the _____ of God in all belief and behavior, he leaves himself open to the _____ of Satan.
21. When one does not remain steadfast to the _____ of Jesus over his life, he will be tossed to and fro by every wind of _____.
22. Though baptism is an obedient response to the grace of God, salvation takes place in the spiritual realm wherein God _____ one clean of sin by the sacrificial _____ of Jesus.
23. Paul metaphorically uses Jewish _____ to portray the cutting off of the _____ of sin by the sacrificial blood of Jesus.
24. _____ professed salvation by a self-awareness of knowledge that originated from within _____.
25. One is immersed in order to allow God to _____ in his life because we cannot so work as to save _____.

Chapter 3

Fill in the blanks:

Answers to Questions 1-15

peace, wife, sacrifices, leadership, God, will, authority, loving, singing, all, submissive, Christ, washing, fear, successful, flesh, attitude, authority, headship, authority, undisciplined heart, inclusive, free, image, tyrant, instrument, died, employee blood

1. Jesus is now where He exercises _____ and control over _____ things.
2. The community of God's people should strive to maintain a spiritual atmosphere of love and _____ that will draw men unto _____.
3. In the community of God's people, singing is _____, for God gave every individual the _____ of his voice.
4. One is a new creature in Christ because of the _____ of sin by the _____ of Jesus.
5. Respect for _____ in the church and _____ in society must be taught in the home through the example of wives.
6. In order that the husband maintain the _____ of the home, the wife must allow such to exist by her _____ behavior to her husband.
7. The very nature of the loving and thankful _____ of the Christian is portrayed through a spirit of _____ with his voice throughout his daily living.

8. When disciples are _____ toward one another, they set one another _____ from personal opinions.
9. In contrast to a life after the lusts of the _____, the Colossians are urged to present their bodies as living _____ to God.
10. One identifying characteristic of those who are being conformed to the _____ of Christ is the fact that they begin to see humanity as _____ sees all men.
11. A husband who does not love his wife is a _____ and an abusive dictator, for he behaves without concern for his _____.
12. The Christian _____ must remember that it is his responsibility to make his employer _____.
13. When the disciple _____ with Christ, his will was replaced by the _____ of Jesus.
14. The Christians employee's _____ toward their masters and employers should be based on their _____ of God.
15. _____ children will become undisciplined adults who manifest no respect for _____ in society.

Answers to Questions 16-30

heaven, forgiving, husband, train, peace, word, family, anger, song, example, grace, nature, behavior, language, foundation, submission, centrality, forbear, respond, love, cultural, elect, son, studying, love, minister, mercy, relationships, society, children

16. God wants parents to _____ their children by the _____ of their lives.
17. Every effort must be made to encourage families because it is upon the foundation of the _____ that every _____ is constructed.
18. The lack of _____ within a church is the first sign that there is a lack of _____ among the members.
19. Fellowship in the church becomes the test as to whether one can dwell in _____ with those who have come from different _____ backgrounds.
20. _____ leads to wrath, wrath to malice, malice to blasphemy, and blasphemy to filthy _____.
21. Through the medium of the words of _____, Paul emphasizes the responsibility that Christians _____ to one another, as well as, express their love and gratitude to the Lord.
22. When caring love is expressed by the _____, then a wife will _____ with submission.
23. God has foreseen that in final judgment He will _____ out of the world His _____.
24. Spiritual growth comes as a result of members _____ and applying the _____ of Christ to their lives.
25. The totality of the Christian's being as a _____ of God is to manifest the _____ of Christ in his life.
26. Wives who do not manifest a spirit of _____ to their husbands are not illustrating for their children an example of how to respond to the _____ of another person.
27. God's forgiveness of our sins through His _____ must motivate us to extend the same _____ and forgiveness to others.
28. In order to _____ one another, one must have a _____ spirit.
29. In life and worship, the Christian must proclaim the _____ of Christ to one's _____.
30. Love is the _____ upon which all interpersonal _____ are established.

Chapter 4

Fill in the blanks:

Answers to Questions 1-15

Christ-like, Lord, Laodiceans, death, Diotrephes, assembling, Jesus, wisdom, outside, mystery, others, Joshua, Onisemus, Epaphras, speech, gospel, Philemon, times, Colossians, physician, prayers, opportunity, prison, homes, John, Luke, grace, preach, appealing

1. Paul instructed that Christians walk in _____ toward those who are _____.
2. Paul's exhortation is based on the concept that the Colossians should do to _____ as they would want the _____ to do to them.
3. Paul affirms that if we ask God for open doors, He will open the doors of _____ for us to _____ and teach the gospel.
4. The _____ of Christ is God's plan of _____ that was revealed on the cross for the salvation of all men.
5. Christians should walk in a _____ manner because their life-style communicates the effect of the _____ has had on their behavior.
6. The _____ that comes forth from the Christians' mouth should be of such a nature that it is _____ to those who hear.
7. Tychicus carried with him the letter to the _____ and _____.
8. By the time Colossians was written, _____ had been converted, and was a brother in Christ to _____.
9. The name _____ was a common Hebrew name and comes from the same root word for the names of _____ and Jeshua.
10. The English word "agony" comes from the same word that Paul used to define the intensity of the _____ of _____.
11. _____ was the beloved _____ who had accompanied Paul on many of his journeys.
12. Christians were _____ in the _____ of the members at the time the New Testament letters were written.
13. The letters of the New Testament were written at different _____ and to different people, depending on the _____ that motivated the writing of the letters.
14. When the apostle _____ wrote a personal letter, it seems that _____ destroyed this letter.
15. Paul asked for prayers from the Colossians since he was in _____ on behalf of the gospel and was facing possible _____.

FINAL REVIEW EXAM

True or False:

1. ____ A mixture of eastern mysticism with Catholicism produced a Judaeo-gnosticism that had already permeated the synagogues in the area of Colosse when the church was first established in the region.
2. ____ Luke was being sent to the Colossian disciples as a special messenger from Paul to inform them of his state of being.
3. ____ We can never perform enough good deeds to atone for the sin that keeps accumulating to our account.
4. ____ As the elect of God, God foresaw that in final judgment He would elect out of the world His children.
5. ____ Working heartily as to the Lord should be the attitude of all Christians who serve either masters or employers.
6. ____ The Gnostics thought that they knew the secret knowledge of things because they arrogantly assumed to be in touch with their inner self.
7. ____ Jesus is the only center of reference from whom the church is to receive direction and control.
8. ____ Before one is baptized, he is alive because of his attitude to keep the law of God.
9. ____ Paul told the Colossians to read the letter that he had previously written to the Corinthian church.
10. ____ One can worship God correctly even though he is ignorant of the word of God.
11. ____ The Father spiritually transfers the obedient from the domination of Satan to the kingship of Jesus.
12. ____ John Mark was the beloved physician who had accompanied Paul on many of his journeys.
13. ____ Paul's purpose for writing this letter was to exalt the preeminence of Jesus over all things.
14. ____ Any philosophy or tradition that does not lead one closer to God is a philosophy or tradition that works contrary to the work of God through Christ.
15. ____ The obedient are viewed by God through the blood of Jesus to be without reproach.
16. ____ One is a new man in Christ because of the washing of sin by the blood of Christ.
17. ____ Any theology that displaces Jesus from His present supreme position in reference to the church and creation is an erroneous theology.
18. ____ Only the Christ-sent apostles were given the privilege of receiving by revelation all truth.
19. ____ A husband who does not love his wife becomes a tyrant.
20. ____ A system of legalistic religiosity came into the church as a substitute for salvation by God's grace.
21. ____ Having our speech seasoned with salt refers to speech that is not offensive.
22. ____ The truth of the gospel about which Paul refers is the good news of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus that was reported throughout the Roman Empire.
23. ____ John Mark was a Christ-sent apostle because he was personally called and commissioned by Christ.
24. ____ The result of the indwelling word of Christ is a sense of one's inclusive responsibility toward his brother.
25. ____ Since Jesus is the Creator, then He is before and above all creation.
26. ____ In the name of Jesus means that the totality of the Christian life is given as a living sacrifice in service of Christ.
27. ____ It is within the individual liberty of each Christian to honor those feast days he so chooses.
28. ____ Christians have been qualified for salvation on the basis of their good works.

29. ____ Colosse was a religious center because it was the location of the throne of the goddess Diana.
30. ____ Because the Colossians had obeyed the gospel, they were to separate themselves from the religious regulations of those teachers who would bind on them doctrines and practices that God had not bound.
31. ____ Our understanding of God through the incarnate Jesus is limited to the word of God.
32. ____ Baptism is a parallel to circumcision in the Old Testament because babies are to be baptized on the eighth day after birth.
33. ____ If the concepts of legalistic teachers were mixed with the truth of the gospel, the Colossians would be cheated out of their salvation.
34. ____ Since Jesus is the creator of all things, then all things maintain their existence because of His power.
35. ____ The twelve apostles remained in Jerusalem after the A.D. 30 Passover/Pentecost feast in order to receive the Jews who came in later years to the annual feasts.
36. ____ Paul was one who never allowed his environment to determine his mental state of being, or even his work.
37. ____ When we realize how far God had to come through incarnation in order to reconcile us again unto Himself, then we come to believe that there is no obstacle too great to overcome in order to obey the gospel.
38. ____ The early Christians had carried out their responsibility of taking the gospel to their world in their generation.
39. ____ Confession of Jesus as Lord is a point of reference at which time God pours forth His grace in the life of the repentant believer.
40. ____ Timothy was with Paul in Rome at the time Paul wrote the letter of Colossians.
41. ____ Christ living in the hearts of the obedient is a manifestation of their salvation to the unbelieving world.
42. ____ The Holy Spirit is the reflection or representation of the character and attributes of God.
43. ____ We are made holy (sanctified) in order to be able to approach God.
44. ____ If we seek to legally conform to laws upon which we all agree, our unity as believers will ultimately result in division.
45. ____ When Jesus emptied Himself in His incarnation, He gave up deity.