

Colossians

All we need is CHRIST!

*3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

Colossians 3:1

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Scripture writing plan & Journal

How to use this Journal:

There are many study methods out there! I encourage you to search through them and find what motivates and encourages you the most. I like to use the S.O.A.P Method.

Scripture

Write out a verse or passage of scripture.

Observation

What stood out to you about this verse or scriptures?

Where there any commands or instructions?

Application

How can you apply this today to your life today?

How can you live in light of this truth?

Prayer

Write out a prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to meditate and apply this truth to your life.

Other areas to consider:

- * Author
- * Audience
- * Major Concept
- * Theme
- * Event
- * Keywords and Definitions
- * People
- * Places
- * When
- * Where
- * Who am I in this Verse?
- * Where is God?
- * What Is God Speaking?

Give yourself room to ponder and pray. Allow yourself time to listen for God to speak to you. Get creative! Draw, paint, make diagrams, whatever ignites your awe and wonder to studying God's Word!

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The book of Colossians is a heartfelt letter. It was penned by the apostle Paul to a vibrant, young church. This church was thriving in the bustling city of Colossae. During a time of trial, Paul was confined within the walls of prison. He was most likely enduring the house arrest depicted in the closing chapters of Acts. Paul poured his soul into this epistle. He infused it with fervor and inspiration for the believers he deeply cherished.

The city of Colossae is a gem nestled about 100 miles east of Ephesus. It lies on the western side of what is now vibrant Turkey. This city holds a rich historical narrative. In Paul's times, it was a significant part of Asia Minor, flourishing with life and culture. During the fourth and fifth centuries B.C., this remarkable city boasted a thriving Jewish community. Approximately 2000 Jewish families bravely chose to settle in the area in the second century B.C. They weaved their heritage into the very fabric of Colossae's existence.

Paul had never set foot in Colossae, yet the vibrant church there ignited under the powerful influence of his ministry! During his groundbreaking third missionary journey, Paul dedicated three transformative years in Ephesus. It was during this electrifying time that his devoted coworkers and fervent disciples shared the life-changing news about Jesus. They spread it fervently to the surrounding cities. This led to the exhilarating proclamation that "all Asia heard the word" (Acts 19:10). Epaphras was among these passionate co-workers. He was a proud native of Colossae. Epaphras played a pivotal role in founding the church there around A.D. 54!

While Paul found himself in chains around A.D. 61, Epaphras journeyed to Rome. He was burning with urgency to share the exhilarating news of the gospel's ad-

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vancement in the Colossae region. However, he also revealed the alarming troubles that were shaking the very foundation of the church there. Deceptive teachings threatened their steadfastness in Jesus. Epaphras's heart ached for their spiritual welfare.

As we immerse ourselves in Paul's words from the letter, we can vividly uncover the troubling false teachings. These teachings gripped the church at Colossae. He fervently highlights the significance of circumcision. He emphasizes the strict observance of Jewish holy days. He points out the burdensome dietary laws. This reveals a striking Jewish influence behind these teachings. Additionally, he boldly critiques the foolishness of self-abasement. He also criticizes the harsh treatment of the body in Colossians 2:23. He exposes the absurdity of such ascetic practices. Furthermore, he passionately addresses a mystical aspect. He urges us to beware of alluring visions. He also warns against the worship of angels mentioned in 2:18. The deceptive teachings threatening the church revolved around enticing spiritual visions and angelic encounters. They also included following the Jewish calendar and adhering to food laws. These actions were a misguided attempt to unlock a deeper experience of God's fullness. In response, Paul pens the letter to the Colossians, fervently affirming that Jesus embodies the very fullness of God! He passionately conveys that anyone who places their faith in Jesus already possesses that transformative fullness within them (2:9-10). Paul's heartfelt mission is to awaken both the original readers. He also wants to awaken us to the profound truth that Christ is entirely sufficient. We do not need Christ plus mystical experiences. We do not need anything else to truly know God in all His magnificent fullness. **All we truly need is Christ!**



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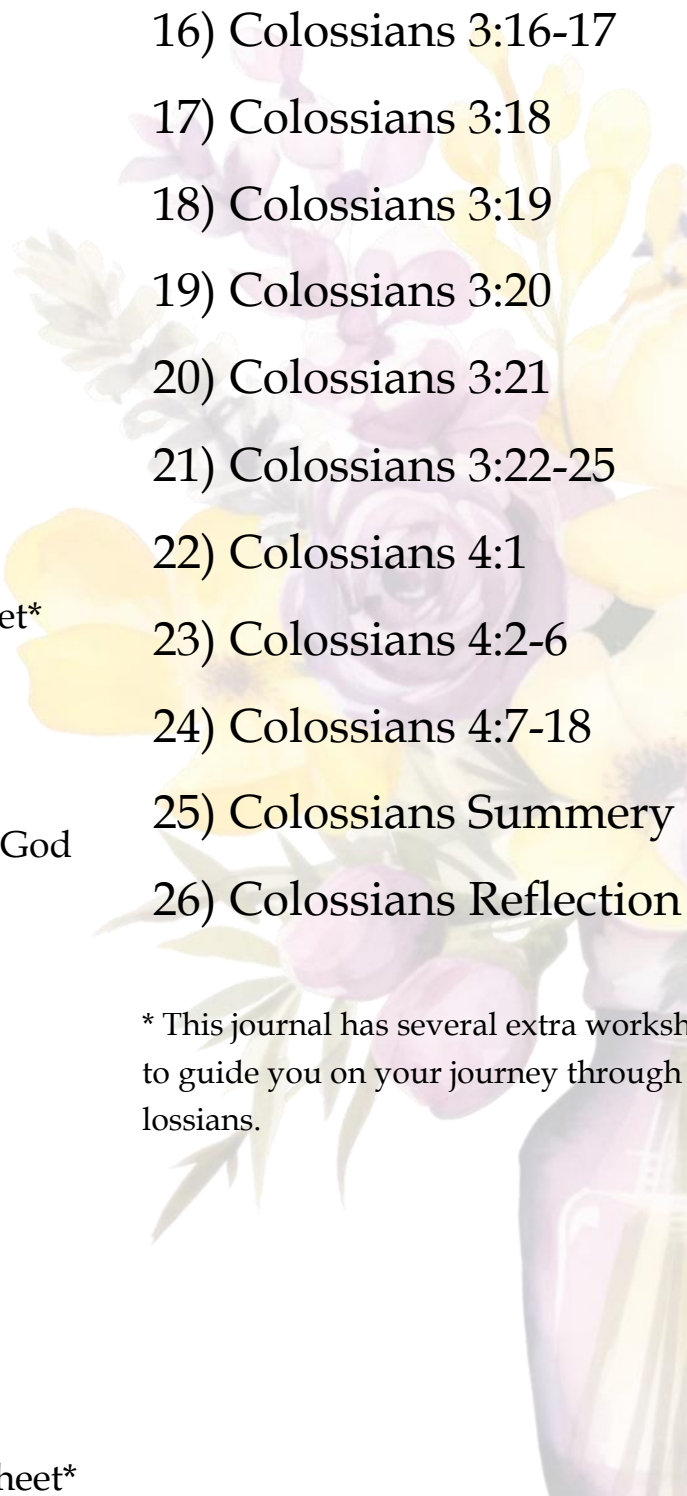
This journal has several extra worksheets to guide you on your journey through Colossians.

- **Vision Statement (page 50) Colossians 1:24-29.** *Paul possessed an extraordinary vision, an inspiring goal that stirred his very soul. This remarkable vision would not materialize on its own; it demanded his unwavering commitment Now, I ask you: do you share Paul's incredible vision?*
- **Hold Tight to the Word of God (Page 51) Colossians 2:4-10.** *We are called to be stable and disciplined, to stand strong in our faith. Here, he passionately urges us to be firmly rooted. This activity focuses our heart on memorizing verses to remember our commitment to reading, hearing, studying, meditating, and memorizing the Word of God.*
- **Spiritual Check Up (page 53) Colossians 3:11-15.** *Immerse yourself in these powerful verses (3:12-17) and passionately jot down every character quality that Paul so fervently discusses. Then, take a few moments to reflect on your own "performance" in these vital areas. For each quality, courageously write down any recent failures you've encountered. Lastly, for each area, articulate a heartfelt sentence on how you aspire to grow.*

As you study these verses, I pray these little extra spaces to write, reflect and journal will guide your journey into a deeper more meaningful relationship with the Lord.



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- 1) Who is Paul?
 - 2) Colossians 1:1-2
 - 3) Colossians 1:3-8
 - 4) Colossians 1:9-14
 - 5) Colossians 1:15-20
 - 6) Colossians 1:21-23
 - 7) Colossians 1:24-29
Vision Statement Worksheet*
 - 8) Colossians 2:1-3
 - 9) Colossians 2:4-10
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 - 10) Colossians 2:11-15
 - 11) Colossians 2:16-19
 - 12) Colossians 2:20-23
 - 13) Colossians 3:1-4
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 - 16) Colossians 3:16-17
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 - 23) Colossians 4:2-6
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 - 26) Colossians Reflection

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Who is *Paul*



For the first day of this study, Spend time looking up the Apostle Paul. Who was He? How did he meet Jesus? Why is he mentioned in the Bible? Where did he go? What do we learn about the heart of Paul and his love for the Lord? What were significant details in his ministry?

Acts 7:58

Acts 9:1-22

Acts 8:1-10

Acts 11:19-25

Acts 15,16,17,18

Acts 16:22-25

Acts 18:23-28

Acts 19, 20

Acts 20:19

Acts 21:17

Acts 22:22-29

Acts 26,27,28

Acts 28:31

1 Corinthians 15:9

1 Timothy 1:16

2 Timothy 4:16

Ephesians 3:8

Romans 1:1-2

Romans 7:15

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Summery of *Colossians*

As you study through the book of Ephesians, keep in mind what the over all theme of **Ephesians: Core Foundations of Faith**! Use this space to fill in the individual themes that Paul covers in his response to the believers in Corinth. Write out what his main message points are as the Lord speaks them to you. Give your own summery on what you have learned.

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Reflection of Colossians

As we close out the study of Ephesians go back and review all your “a” boxes. What has the Lord led you to apply to your life by studying the book of 2 Corinthians? How can you keep yourself accountable to what He has revealed to you? Take time today to journal to the Lord and thank Him and praise Him for his Word in your heart.

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Colossians 1:24-29

Vision Statement

Paul possessed an extraordinary vision, an inspiring goal that stirred his very soul. This remarkable vision would not materialize on its own; it demanded his unwavering commitment. Now, I ask you: do you share Paul's incredible vision? Do you even have a vision of your own? If yes, can you articulate it, or does it remain a hazy dream? Are you passionately working to bring this vision to life, putting in the effort, or standing still? Are you leaning on God's mighty power or relying on your own strength to see it realized? Spend a few exhilarating minutes and pour your heart out onto the page as you carve your vision in words. What divine purpose has God ignited within you for this life? Embrace the calling that stirs your spirit and makes your soul come alive!

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Colossians 2:4-10

Hold Tight to the Word of God!

Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him... Colossians 2:6

The Christian life is not a sprint; it's a marathon filled with purpose and depth! A famous Chinese idiom beautifully captures this truth: a journey of a thousand miles begins with that very first step. So it is in our vibrant relationship with Christ! Believers embrace the gospel with fervent enthusiasm. Our hearts are ablaze with the joy of placing our faith in the Lord. We seek His forgiveness for our sins. Many of us radiated joy, our faces aglow, eagerly sharing our newfound faith with everyone around! But where along this glorious journey did we allow that excitement to fade? When did we allow discouragement and complacency to creep in, silencing our voices? Paul urges us to press on, to continue living out our faith just as we began! This requires a bold life of unwavering obedience. Every single day, we must put one foot in front of the other. We do it again and again. We embody persistence and faithfulness in all we do!

Write out Psalms 1:1-3:

Here is the same concept as in the last several verses, echoing with fervor! We are called to be stable and disciplined, to stand strong in our faith. Here, he passionately urges us to be firmly rooted. Throughout the Bible, this powerful imagery resonates. Believers are often compared to majestic trees or vibrant crops. They flourish with life. But why, you may ask? How can we truly become firmly rooted? The secret lies in our unwavering commitment to grasp the Bible firmly!

There are five dynamic ways to hold onto its truth:

- *Hear - Romans 10:17*
- *Read - Revelation 1:3*
- *Study - Acts 17:11*
- *Memorize - Psalm 119:9, 11*
- *Meditate Psalm 1:2-3*

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Hold Tight to the Word of God!

In the blank space below, draw around one of your hands. On each finger, list one of each five dynamic ways to hold onto truth, along with their corresponding verses. Feel free to write the verse out. As you ponder these scriptures, fill in with notes of your own concerning the five dynamic ways to hold onto the Word of God. How can you apply these to each of your day?

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Spiritual Check Up

Immerse yourself in these powerful verses (12-17) and passionately jot down every character quality that Paul so fervently discusses. Then, take a few moments to reflect on your own "performance" in these vital areas. For each quality, courageously write down any recent failures you've encountered. Lastly, for each area, articulate a heartfelt sentence on how you aspire to grow.

For each quality discuss the following questions:

What does it truly mean to embody this principle? Can you delve into examples, both uplifting and cautionary, of Biblical characters who either embraced or neglected this concept? What other scriptures echo these themes?

Compassion

Kindness

Humility

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Gentleness

Patience

Tolerance

Forgiveness

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Love

Peaceable

Teaching/Admonishing/Sharing

Gratitude



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