

MASTERING THE BIBLE

All You Need to Know About the New Testament

THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS



Colosse



Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Apamea

Ephesus

Nyssa

Antiochia

Hierapolis

Neapolis

Magnesia

Tralles

Kydrara

Samos

Laodicea

Colossae

Priene

Alabanda

Aphrodisias

Themisonium

Miletus

Heraclea

Alina

Euromos

Didyma

Section Outline of the Book of Colossians

Colossians Chapters 1-2

The Doctrine of Completeness in Christ

Colossians Chapters 3-4

The Duty of Those Complete in Christ

**South of Hierapolis
in the Lycus River valley**

I Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

#1
Gnosticism

2:8-10

- 1. diminishes Christ to an angel**
- 2. Christ had no human body**

**Christ possess the fullness
of the divine nature**

#2
Legalism

2:11-17

**Circumcision symbolized
man's need for heart cleansing.**

Deuteronomy 10:16

Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.

Deuteronomy 30:6

And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

Jeremiah 4:4

Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

Jeremiah 9:26

Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.

Acts 7:51

Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

Romans 2:28-29

²⁸ For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

²⁹ But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Handwritten certificate of debt

#3
Mysticism

2:18-19

#4

Asceticism

2:20-23

**Believed one can purify the spirit
by punishing the body.**

**Ancient nomadic people that invaded
the Fertile Crescent in the 17th Century**

Same concepts as in Ephesians 5:18-21

Same teachings as in Ephesians 5:22 - 6:9

Tychicus

**Gentile convert that Paul took to Jerusalem
(Acts 20:4)**

**Delivered Paul's letters to Colossae and Ephesus
(6:21, Philemon 9)**

**Greek name for a Jewish native of Thessalonica
(Acts 20:4; 27:2)**

Now one of Paul's co-workers

II Timothy 4:11

Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

Hierapolis

20 miles west of Colossae

6 miles north of Laodicea



**Abandoned Paul and the
ministry for the world
(II Timothy 4:9-10; Philemon 24)**

Nympha

Paul often signed his own greeting

I Corinthians 16:21

Galatians 6:11

II Thessalonians 3:17

Philemon 19

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