



Made Alive

A STUDY IN COLOSSIANS



CROSSROADS CHURCH
the book of Colossians



Colossians is a powerful letter that lifts our eyes to the supremacy of Jesus Christ. In a world full of competing voices and empty promises, Paul reminds us that Christ is enough. As we discover who Jesus is and who we are in Him, we'll learn to live lives marked by faith, freedom, maturity, and the fullness of God's purpose.



RECENTER YOUR LIFE



FOCUS WHERE
IT MATTERS MOST.

COLOSSIANS 1



BIG IDEA

When Jesus is no longer at the center, something else always takes His place.

CULTURAL CONTEXT



- Author: Paul
- Written: from prison in Rome
- To: Church in Colossae (modern-day Turkey)
- Paul had never visited them
- Purpose: Recenter believers on Jesus amid competing worldviews.



KEY SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:15-18



15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

01

Looking at your current season of life, what has been competing for Jesus' place at the center? How have you noticed that showing up in your priorities, emotions, or decisions?

02

Jesus is not only our Creator but also our Sustainer. Where are you trying to hold things together instead of relying on Jesus?

03

"Every good came from Him..." Which blessing in your life has reminded you most of God's grace? Why? And how has this deepened your trust in Jesus?

04

Jesus being "supreme" means He has first place, not a place. If someone watched how you spent your week, what would they conclude is most important to you?

05

The message ended with the reminder that only the blood of Jesus can make us whole. What have you been relying on outside of Jesus, and how can we recenter on Him?

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Colossians 1:15-18

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What stood out to you?

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APPLY



Recognize
Jesus as Creator

He started it all.
Everything good
comes from Him.



Rely on Jesus
as Sustainer

He has the power
to hold everything together,
including your life.



Revere Jesus
as Supreme

Put Him first in every area
and watch your life
come to alignment.

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PRAYER



“

*Jesus, help me remove anything competing
for Your place in my life. Be the center of my thoughts,
decisions relationship, and purpose. Amen.*

”

Take 5 minutes each morning to ask:



THIS WEEK'S
CHALLENGE

*“Jesus, what would it look like
to put You first today?”*

KEEP ON KEEPING ON



COLOSSIANS 2

START. GROW.
KEEP GOING.



BIG IDEA

The Christian life isn't just about beginning well ... it's about continuing well.

CULTURAL CONTEXT



- Author: Paul
- Written: from prison in Rome
- To: Church in Colossae (modern-day Turkey)
- Paul had never visited them
- Purpose: To encourage believers to remain united in love and rooted in Christ amid false teachings.



KEY SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2:1-8



So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

01

What motivated you to start your relationship with Jesus? What keeps you actively pursuing Him as the most important thing?

02

Paul described being rooted, built up, and strengthened in Christ. Which of these three do you feel you need most right now, and why?

03

Have you ever gone through a season where you "weren't feeling it" spiritually but had to choose to keep going? What helped you stay planted?

04

How can being connected to other believers help us grow deeper and stay strong when life gets difficult?

05

What is something God's already done in your life that you need to stop overlooking and start thanking Him for? How does gratitude shape your reaction to life?

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Colossians 2:1-8

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What stood out to you?

A

APPLY



I Will
Really Start

Receive Christ as Lord.
Surrender to His authority
in every area of your life.



I Will
Really Grow

Be Rooted, Built Up,
and Strengthened through
God's word, community, and trials.



I Will Be
Really Grateful

Choose an attitude
of thankfulness
in all circumstances.

P

PRAYER



“

Jesus, help me remove anything competing for Your place in my life. Be the center of my thoughts, decisions, relationships, and purpose. Teach me to start well, grow deep, and keep on keeping on. Amen.

”

This Week: Keep On Keeping On.



THIS WEEK'S
CHALLENGE

Start. Grow. Give Thanks.

Take one intentional step toward Jesus every day this week.

GET SET

COLOSSIANS 3



FIX YOUR FOCUS.
RESHAPE YOUR LIFE.
FOLLOW JESUS.



BIG IDEA

*Your life follows your focus...
Are you being shaped by what's
around you, or by the One
who created you?*

CULTURAL CONTEXT



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- Paul had never visited them
- Purpose: To help believers keep Jesus at the center. Not just in belief, but in daily living.



KEY SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:1-3



3 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

01

What currently gets the most of your attention. Your time, money, or thoughts? And what might that reveal about what you're really pursuing?

02

Colossians tells us to "set your hearts on things above." What is something you find yourself wanting or pursuing that can easily become more important to you than Jesus?

03

Paul says to "put to death" the things that belong to our old nature. What does it look like to recognize, "That's not who I am anymore," when tempted to return to old patterns?

04

What thoughts do you tend to dwell on that pull your focus away from Jesus? And what could you intentionally replace those thoughts with?

05

Paul's answer isn't simply to try harder. It's to develop a greater love for God. What would it look like for you this week to intentionally ask God, "Teach me to love you more"?

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Colossians 3:1-3, 5-7

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What stood out to you?

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APPLY



Check Your
Desires

Get your desires right.
What you want most in life
will shape your life.



Check Your
Thoughts

Get your thoughts right.
What you dwell on
determines your direction.



Put to
Death Daily

Identify and put to death
anything that belongs to
your earthly nature.

P

PRAYER



“

*Jesus, help me set my heart and mind on You. Grow my love for
You and give me strength to put to death what pulls me away.
Make me who You've called me to be. Amen.*

”

Each day, pause and ask yourself:



THIS WEEK'S
CHALLENGE

*“What do I want most, and is my life
reflecting that?”*

Get your desires and thoughts set on the one you want most.

JUST BE JESUS



FROM BELIEF
TO IMITATION

COLOSSIANS 4



BIG IDEA

Our foundation is a Christ-centered life that flows out of daily devotion and intentional obedience.

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- Purpose: To teach and encourage Jesus-like living. It must be evident in our prayer, mission, and conduct



KEY SCRIPTURE

Colossians 4:2-6



²Keep on praying and guard your prayers with thanksgiving. ³At the same time, pray for us also. Pray that God would open a door for the word so we can preach the secret plan¹² of Christ—which is why I'm in chains. ⁴Pray that I might be able to make it as clear as I ought to when I preach. ⁵Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. ⁶Your speech should always be gracious and sprinkled with insight so that you may know how to respond to every person.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

01

Would you say that prayer is your first go to in tough times? How does a life of prayer shape your dependence on God?

02

What do you believe God has called you to do, and how are you walking in that mission?

03

Colossians challenges us to live wisely toward those outside the faith. Where in your life do you need God's wisdom to respond instead of react?

04

What is one thing you believe about Jesus but struggle to put into practice in your everyday life? What would it look like to actually live it out?

05

Your life is either pointing people to Jesus or confusing them about Him. What is one thing you could do this week to point those around you more clearly to Jesus?

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Colossians 4:2-6

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What stood out to you?

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APPLY



Be Devoted
to Prayer

Make prayer your
priority, not your last
resort.



Be Clear on
Your Mission

Stay focused on God's
purpose for your life.



Be Wise in
Every Action

Make Choices that
reflect God's wisdom,
not culture's.



Move Beyond
Surface-Level Faith

Live out your faith with
dependence on the
Holy Spirit.

P

PRAYER



“

Jesus, help me live like You today. Teach me to pray with devotion, walk in Your mission, act with wisdom. Let my life point others to You and bring glory to Your name. Amen.

”



THIS WEEK'S
CHALLENGE

- ✓ Pray intentionally every day
- ✓ Take one intentional step toward God's mission for your life.
- ✓ Ask for God's wisdom before you act or speak.
- ✓ Look for one way to love and serve someone this week.

NEXT *Steps*

Whether you're just starting out as a newcomer to a church or consider yourself a "seasoned" Christian, every step exists to lead you into a deeper relationship with Christ and to build lasting relationships with those around you.

- SALVATION
- BAPTISM
- GROWTH TRACK
- JOIN A GROUP
- JOIN THE DREAM TEAM
- GIVE



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