COLOSSIANS OUTLINE

Theme: Jesus Christ

Purpose: The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded

I. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded through Paul's Salutation. (1:1-2)

II. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded through Paul's Prayer. (1:3-14)
   A. They are encouraged and not deluded through Paul's Praise to God. (3:9)
   B. They are encouraged and not deluded through Paul's Petition to God. (10-14)

III. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded because of the Person of Christ. (1:15-23)

IV. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded through the Passion and Purpose of Paul. (1:24-2:5)
   A. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded through the Passion of Paul. (1:24-29)
   B. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded through the Purpose of Paul. (2:1-5)

V. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded by their Practice in Christ. (2:6-4:6)
   A. They Practice freedom in Christ. (2:6-23)
   B. They Pursue things above. (3:1-4)
   C. They Put off the Old Self. (3:5-11)
   D. They Put on the New Self. (3:12-17)
   E. They Practice Principles of family relationships. (3:18-21)
   F. They Practice Principles of slave/master relationships. (3:22-4:1)
   G. They Practice Prayer. (4:2-4)
   H. They Practice good conduct and speech toward unbelievers. (4:5-6)

VI. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded by Paul and his co-workers. (4:7-18)
   A. They are encouraged and not deluded by Paul's Affairs. (4:7-9)
   B. They are encouraged and not deluded by Paul's co-workers. (4:10-14)
   C. They are encouraged and not deluded by Paul's greeting and instruction. (4:15-18)
V. The Colossians may be encouraged and not deluded in their Practice in Christ (2:6-4:6)
A. Their Practice (conduct) was to be in Christ: “(you) walk in Him” (2:6-7)
B. They were to Practice Freedom in Christ. (2:8-23)
C. They were to Pursue things above
   1. The Requirements of a resurrected life. (3:1-2)
      a. You continually seek the things above (1)
         1.) Condition: If—-are you a believer?—Yes. You have been raised with Christ
         2.) Location: Where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God (honor/authority)
      b. You continually set your mind on the things (2)
         1.) Location: above
         2.) Restriction: not on things that are on earth.
   2. The Reason for a resurrected life. (3:3)
      a. The past situation: For you have died (Rom. 6:1-14, Eph. 2:1-7, Gal. 2:20)
      b. The present condition: and your life is hidden with Christ in God
   3. The Result from a resurrected life (4):
      a. The Time of the revealing: When Christ who is our life is revealed
      b. The Association in the revealing: then you also will be revealed with Him in glory

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D. They were to Put Off the Old Self. (3:5-11)
   1. The requirement: “Put to death/kill in your earthly members”
      a. Immorality—action, from porneia—any sexual sin
      b. Impurity—uncleanness—moral and physical: thoughts/intentions of the mind
      c. Passion—emotion—caught up in the feeling
      d. Evil desire—lust, mental
      e. Greed—covetousness (root cause) want more: idolatry—my desire not God’s
   2. The Reasons for putting to death these things.
      a. “Because the wrath of God is coming”—Tribulation, Great White Throne Judgment
      b. “In which you walked when you were living in these things”
   3. The Requirement: “Put them all aside”
      a. Anger—state of mind with deep smoldering resentful bitterness
      b. Wrath—outburst of a vengeful mind, outburst of anger (verbal or physical)
      c. Malice—desire for harm to come to others
      d. Slander—blasphemian: in regard to God blasphemy, in regard to man slander—insults, disparaging remarks
      e. Abusive speech—obscene, derogatory speech, foul-mouthed abuse
      f. Lying—stop lying
   4. The Reasons for putting aside these things
      a. “(Since you) laid aside (lit. having laid aside) the old man with its evil practices”
      b. (Since you) “have put (lit. having put) on the new man (who is) being renewed to a true knowledge”
         1.) According to the image of the One created him.
         2.) In which there is no (distinction between)
            a.) Greek
            b.) Jew
            c.) circumcised
            d.) uncircumcised
            e.) Barbarian—people who spoke inarticulate and stammering speech
            f.) Scythian—nomadic, warlike people noted for their savagery
            g.) Slave
            h.) Free
         3.) “But Christ is all and in all”
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E. They were to Put on the New Self (3:12-17)

1. The Characteristics of the Colossians
   a. Chosen or elect ones
   b. Holy—set apart from sin and unto God
   c. Beloved—having been loved

2. The Commands for the Colossians
   a. You put on/clothe (yourselves)
      1.) Heart of compassion—bowels: innermost parts
      2.) Kindness
      3.) Humility—low in mind, lowly
      4.) Gentleness—willingness to suffer injury instead of inflicting it
      5.) Patience—long wrath
      6.) Bearing with one another—endure
      7.) Forgiving
         a.) If anyone has a complaint
         b.) As the Lord forgave so also you
      8.) Love—agape
         a.) And over all these things
         b.) Which is the bond of unity
   b. Let the peace of Christ rule—umpire (in athletic activities)
      1.) In your hearts
      2.) To which you were called into one body
   c. You be thankful
   d. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly (live in, be at home in) (abundantly extravagantly rich)
      1.) In all wisdom teaching (positive imparting of truth)
      2.) (in all wisdom) admonishing yourselves (warning of consequences of behavior)
         a.) Psalms—songs with instrumental accompaniment
         b.) Hymns—praise to God
         c.) Spiritual songs
         d.) Thankfulness/grace
         e.) Singing in your hearts—inner being
   e. (You do) whatever you may do
      1.) In word or deed
      2.) All things in the name of the Lord Jesus
      3.) Giving thanks to God the Father through Him