

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME SIX
LETTERS TO GOD'S PEOPLE—A SURVEY OF ROMANS—PHILEMON
COLOSSIANS: CHRIST, OUR ALL IN ALL
A SURVEY OF COLOSSIANS



The Heart of the Matter

Colossians is the chart and compass which will enable us to sail a straight course between the dangers of viewing Christianity as merely a philosophy and of making it a lifestyle of rigidity. How we need this little yet potent letter! Beset by gnostic heresy and harassed by Greek philosophy, the saints at Colossae were in danger of losing their way. Paul wrote to help them get back on course, and in doing so, he helps all who take their eyes off Christ. Few Bible books focus such intense attention upon Jesus as Lord and as the ultimate solution to our problem of separation from God. In these chapters, we see Jesus clearly as our all in all.



Discovering the Way

1. Background and Setting (Colossians 1:15–20; 2:8–10, 20–23; 3:1–10; 4:12–13)

Discover the theological, philosophical, historical, and personal background of the book of Colossians.

2. Value of the Colossian Letter

Learn about the doctrinal and practical value of Paul's letter to the Colossians.

3. An Overview of Colossians (Colossians 1:1–14, 28–29; 2:1–7, 16–18; 3:12–17; 4:5–6)

Review the chart of Colossians on the next page, which shows us that Christ is our Lord, Christ is our life, and Christ is our love.

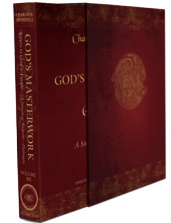


Starting Your Journey

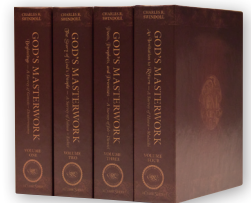
Remember: Christ is the only Lord, not one among many. Heresy is subtle, not bold and offensive. Work is important, not irrelevant. People are names and eternal souls, not anonymous faces.



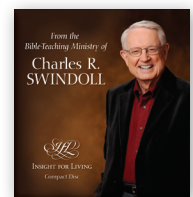
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COLOSSIANS

	Christ Is Our Lord		. . . Our Life		. . . Our Love
	Lord of creation <hr/> Lord of the church <hr/> Lord of ministry <hr/> <i>CHAPTER</i> <i>1</i>	Lord of our walk <hr/> Lord of our salvation <hr/> Lord of our growth <hr/> <i>CHAPTER</i> <i>2</i>	Our mind <hr/> Our body <hr/> Our attitude <hr/> Our actions <hr/> <i>CHAPTER</i> <i>3</i>	Love for "outsiders" <hr/> Love for believers <hr/> <i>CHAPTER</i> <i>4</i>	
Subject	Instruction	Warnings	Exhortations	Reminders	
Christ	His person and work		His peace and presence		
Emphasis	Doctrinal and corrective		Practical and reassuring		
Theme	Christ is our supreme Lord and sufficient Savior.				
Key Verses	2:9–10				
Christ in Colossians	Jesus is the supreme Lord of the church and the world, the all-sufficient Savior in whom the fullness of Deity dwells (1:13–20; 2:9).				

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