

“Colossians: The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus Christ” (Colossians 1:1-2)

* To the Unbeliever: What do you think of Christ? Is who He is and What he has done sufficient to save? (Matt 22:42; John 8:21-24)

* To the Believer: What do you think of Christ? Is who He is and what you possess in Him sufficient for your Christian life?

I. THE SALUTATION OF “COLOSSIANS” (1:1-2)

A. Paul’s INTRODUCTION. (1:1-2a)

1. The **WRITER** of this Book.

a. The human writer of this epistle is _____

*What do we know about him?

1. In his early days, he was known as _____, but on his first missionary journey, changed his name to _____, which means _____
(Acts 13)

2. His title is that of an _____

* What is an apostle?

* How did Paul become an apostle? (Gal 1:1)

b. His companion was _____ who was a _____.

* What do we know about him? (Phil 2:19-21)

2. The **RECIPIENTS** of this Book.

The Colossians are described _____ ways...

a. They were _____.

b. They were _____.

c. They were _____.

d. They were _____

* What do we know about this city?

* What do we know about this church?

3. The **FALSE TEACHING** Addressed in this Book.

* It was a mixture of...

a. _____ which taught that a spiritual elite had apprehension of superior knowledge, creating a spiritual cast system.

b. _____ which taught that by strict obedience to certain rules or rituals that you would gain favor with God.

c. _____ which involved visions, angels, charismatic-type experiences, etc.

d. _____ that believed that all matter innately evil, which led to several wrong doctrine beliefs and practices.

* What is the solution to all this?

4. The **OUTLINE** of this Book. (see attached page)

*What are the key verses in Colossians?

B. Paul's GREETING. (1:2b)

1. The Gentile greeting is... " _____ be unto you".

2. The Jewish greeting is "and _____".

* Who is the source of these two blessings?

* Is there any significance to this order?

*How does this apply to you?