

“Truth for All Times: Then & Now”

The Cosmic Supremacy of Christ

Col. 1:1-2

INTRODUCTION

- our cultural plague: politically correct speech & moral relativism
- restoring Christ to His rightful place of preeminence

THE CITY IN CONTEXT

- a once prominent city
- a city in decline

THE CHURCH IN CONTEXT

- founded & pastored by Epaphras
Acts 19:10; Col. 4:12-13; 1:6-7
- *Prison Epistles* written and delivered
Col. 4:7-9; Eph. 6:21-22
- Paul's purpose in writing:
 - + doctrinal:
 - + practical:

1. The office of the Apostle

- *apostle* =
- Paul's commissioning
Acts 26:15-20
- Paul's credentials
Acts 15:12; Rom. 15:18-19
- Paul's consistency
2 Pet. 1:20-21

2. The obligation of the believers

- *saint* in the common understanding
- *saint* in the biblical understanding
- *faithful*

APPLICATION

▣ are you a *faithful saint* before the Lord?

+ not famous...but faithful

“Don't waste your time waiting and longing for large opportunities, which may never come. But faithfully handle the little things that are always claiming your attention.”
– F.B. Meyer

+ not fruitful...but faithful