



PAULINE
Epistles

**Welcome to a New Study on
Paul's Minor Epistles**

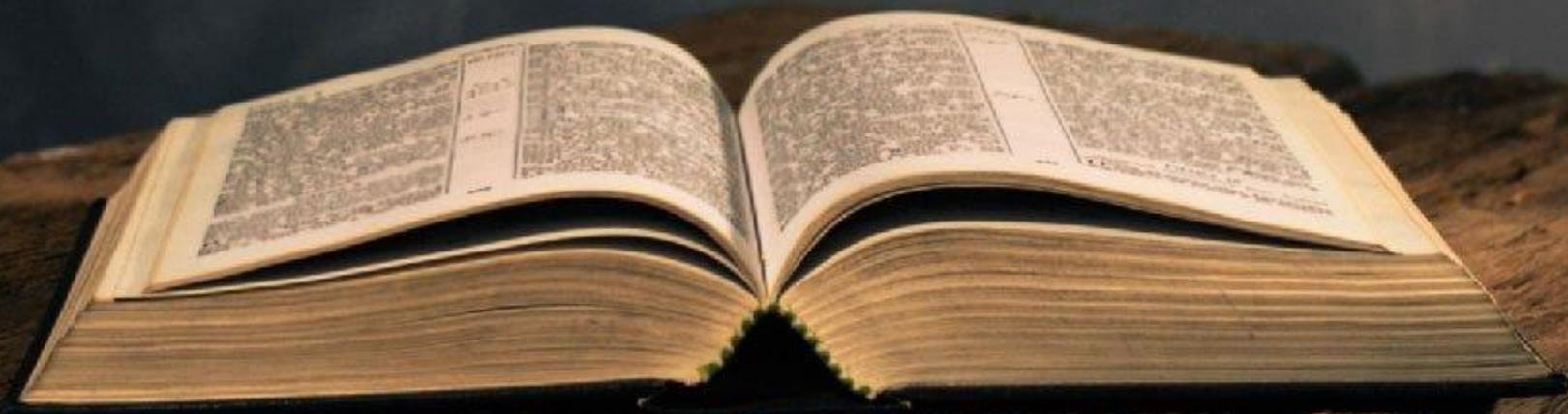
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Schedule of Books in the Study:

- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- **Colossians**
- 1 Thessalonians

- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

Colossians



Colossians 1:1 – 2 (ESV)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.



BITHYNIA - PONTUS

CAPPADOCIA

GALATIA

ASIA

Troas

Pergamum

Thyatira

Philadelphia

Smyrna

Sardis

Hierapolis

Antioch

Iconium

Derbe

Ephesus

Laodicea

Colosse

Tarsus

LYCIA -
PAMPHYLIA

Lystra

CILICIA

CYPRUS

Salamis

SYRIA

Background to the city of Colossae:

- The city was located in the Lycus valley, where also the church of Laodicea and Hierapolis were found.
- It was a simple country village.
- The people were native Greeks.
- There was also a large Jewish population in the area.

Background to the Colossian Letter:

- The letter was written by the Apostle Paul in around A.D. 62 – 63
- This is the third of the “Prison Epistles” that Paul wrote from a Roman prison.
- This letter is considered to be the sister letter to the Ephesian letter due to its similar style and messaging.
- Paul had not visited this congregation at the time of the writing of the epistle.



In the letter, Paul discusses three false doctrines.

- Early Gnosticism
- Ascetism
- Judistic Christianity

Themes of the Letter:

- ▶ “Christ is in control of his Church.”
- ▶ “Christ is preeminent!”

Key Words and Phrases:

- ▶ “Preeminence”
- ▶ “Firstborn”
- ▶ “Image”
- ▶ “Godhead/Deity”
- ▶ “Fullness”
- ▶ “Christ, who is your life”
- ▶ “Head of the body”



KEY VERSES:

- Colossians 1:15
- Colossians 1:18
- Colossians 2:9
- Colossians 2:12 – 14
- Colossians 3:1 – 2
- Colossians 3:17

Outline of the Letter

- ▶ Declaration of Christ's Control – Chapter 1
- ▶ Defense of Christ's Control – Chapter 2
- ▶ Display of Christ's Control – Chapter 3 & 4

Breakdown of the Letter

- ▶ Declaration of Christ's Control – Chapter 1
 - ▶ Control over Colossae (vv. 1 – 14)
 - ▶ To be continued...