

Colossians

- Jesus Christ is our Life!
- Jesus Christ is Supreme!
- “in Christ there is ALL of God in a human body” (2:9)
- Written to combat Gnosticism...
 - “matter is evil”...
 - Special “knowledge”, “mystery”
 - Jewish ritualism combined
 - Christ is not God, was not Man!
 - Something more than Jesus was needed for a relationship with God...!

Colossians – *Outline 1*

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- The Truth about the CHRIST
- The Truth about the CULTS
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- The Truth about the CHRIST (1:15-29)
 - The **Deity** of Christ
 - The **Death** of Christ
 - The **Demands** of Christ
- The Truth about the CULTS (2:1-23)
 - We are to Experience the Truth
 - We are to Expose the Lie...
- The Truth about the CHRISTIAN (3:1-4:6)
 - The Statement of what is Expected
 - The Steps to what is Expected
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 - In one's personal life (5-14)
 - In one's spiritual life (15-17)
 - In one's domestic life (18-21)
 - In one's business life (3:22-4:1)
 - In one's secular life (4:2-6)
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Colossians – *Outline 2*

- Christ is Supreme in the CHURCH (1)
- Christ, Supreme in the UNIVERSE (2)
- Christ, Supreme in the HOME (3)
- Christ, Supreme in COMMUNITY (4)

Colossians – Building process in our lives

- The DEEPER life (1:23) - downward
- The HIGHER life (2:7) - upward
- The INNER life (3:3) - inward
- The OUTER life (4:5) - outward

Key verses

- 1:27 “this mystery, ...Christ IN YOU...”
- 2:6 “just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him...”
- 2:20 “You died with Christ...”
- 3:1,2 “set your hearts/minds/affections on things above...”
- 3:5 “Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature...”
- 4:17 “...complete the WORK you have received in the Lord...”