



LET THE WORD OF CHRIST

# DWELL

IN YOU RICHLY

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE  
COLOSSIANS

## Bible study for the week starting June 4, 2023

### SHARE

It's hard to wrap your human mind around the inner workings of the Holy Trinity. What are some different illustrations you've heard to help understand it (apple skin, meat, core...water states of solid, liquid, gas, etc.)? What are the limits to these metaphors? What best helps you understand the Trinity?

### READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Isaiah 6:1-7**. Isaiah gets ushered into the presence of the holy God. What glimpse of the transcendence and majesty of God do we see in this reading? Should this terrify us or comfort us? Why?
2. Read **John 8:48-59**. When Jesus says "I Am," it's a play on the God chooses to identify Himself to Moses in Exodus 3:14, and on the name "Yahweh" itself. What does it also say about the eternal nature of Jesus? (God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made...) Why does this matter?
3. Read **Colossians 1**. Paul is clearly writing from his imprisonment in Rome to people he dearly loves and would have loved to visit in person. What are some of the important truths and encouragements he imparts in chapter 1?
4. Already in 60-62 A.D., false teachings were creeping into the church. What does Paul clarify about the nature of Jesus and His headship of the Christian Church?
5. We just celebrated Pentecost last week; why is gathering and worshiping with other Christians mandatory for Christians, even though we often treat it as optional?

### PRAY

We gather as Christians to encourage and support one another. Share what's going on in your lives and pray for one another.

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Christ is the Head

Colossians 1

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A PRISON Epistle

“We heard of your FAITH in Christ Jesus and the LOVE that you have for all the saints...” -Colossians 1:4

“The KINGDOM of His beloved Son, in whom we have REDEMPTION, the FORGIVENESS of sins.” -Colossians 1:13-

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The devil doesn't even need to KEEP you from GATHERING in church; he just needs to draw you away from Jesus at the CENTER of your church.

Jesus is the HEAD of the BODY, the CHURCH.

-Colossians 1:18

CHRIST in you, the hope of GLORY. -Colossians 1:27

*For next week, read Colossians 2.*