

“From Paul with Love”

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Colossians 1:1-2

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Introduction:

- A. Why begin with a riddle about astrology and astronomy? Because...
 - 1. There is a resurgence of people reading _____.
 - 2. Paul had something to say about mixing _____ with other _____.
- B. We begin the exploration of this letter here, because Paul was concerned about some kind of _____ that was affecting the Colossians.

I. The _____.

- A. Colossae was one of three cities located about _____ miles from _____.
- B. It was on an important _____.
- C. All kinds of _____ mingled in this area and religious _____ abounded.

II. The _____.

- A. In Paul's letter to the Colossians, he mentions that he had _____ of their faith (1:4, 9) and that he had never _____ them personally (2:1).
- B. The church began as an outgrowth of Paul's three-year ministry in _____ (Acts 19:10).
- C. They had heard the Gospel from _____ (Col. 1:7).
- D. Lesson: God uses all kinds of people to _____ and _____ His church.
- E. The Colossian church was comprised mainly of _____, not _____.
- F. The church was probably _____ years old when Paul wrote this letter to them.

III. The _____.

- A. Determining the precise tenets of the heresy is like _____ to one side of a _____ conversation.
- B. It appears that the heresy was a combination of _____ philosophy, _____ legalism, and Gnosticism.
- C. The Gnostics were the people “in the _____” when it came to the deep and _____ things of God.
- D. The false teachers attacked the person and work of _____.
- E. They taught that matter was _____ and went in two opposite _____.
 - 1. They sought to overcome their “evil” bodies by rigid _____ and asceticism.
 - 2. They concluded that since matter was evil it is okay to do evil with _____ things.

IV. The _____.

- A. As in all of Paul's letters, there is an important connection between the theoretical and the practical—correct _____ and correct _____ go hand in hand.
- B. The salutation is _____ of the beginning of 1st century letters.

Conclusion:

- A. There is so much spiritual insight and instruction in this letter that will help us understand how we are _____ in Christ how we must be _____ in our walk.

Answer Key: Intro.A. airplane. A.1. horoscopes. A.2. Christianity, beliefs. B. false, teaching. I. City. I.A. 100, Ephesus. I.B. trade, route. I.C. philosophies, hucksters. II. Church. II.A. heard, seen. II.B. Ephesus. II.C. Epaphras. II.D. establish, grow. II.E. Gentiles, Jews. II.F. five. III. Crisis. III.A. listening, telephone. III.B. Eastern, Jewish. III.C. know, secret. III.D. Jesus. III.E. evil, extremes. III.E.1. discipline. III.E.2. physical. IV. Correspondence. IV.A. doctrine, practice. IV.B. typical.