

Colossians ALC Winter

Class Eleven February 24, 2019 //Walk Worthy // Colossians Summary

We ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects. (1:9-10)

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| I. | <i>Know His Will So You Can Walk Worthy</i> | Chapter 1 |
| A. | Since the gospel has taken root in you, let it produce what it should | 1:1-12 |
| B. | Christ is completely God and you need no more than Him | 1:13-23 |
| C. | I will do all I can with God's strength to build you into maturity | 1:24-29 |
| II. | <i>Don't Submit to Men's Regulations Because You are Complete in Christ</i> | Chapter 2 |
| A. | I work hard so you will come to know how sufficient Christ is for you | 2:1-12 |
| B. | He completely forgave you your sins and conquered the enemies | 2:13-15 |
| C. | So don't let people restrain you as if that produces godliness | 2:16-23 |
| III. | <i>In View of Your Position, Lay Aside Old Habits and Put on New Ways</i> | Chapter 3 |
| A. | You died and were hidden in heaven with Christ | 3:1-4 |
| B. | So consider yourself as dead to immorality, idolatry and sinful anger | 3:5-11 |
| C. | Rather, put on kindness and compassion, love and gratitude | 3:12-17 |
| D. | In all your relationships, guard yourself, knowing you'll be rewarded | 3:18-4:1 |
| IV. | <i>Stay Diligent and Expectant in Prayer and Share the Gospel</i> | Chapter 4 |
| A. | Pray with all expectation and diligence | 4:2-4 |
| B. | Look for opportunities with outsiders and speak into them the Word | 4:3-6 |
| C. | Be encouraged and encourage each other to stand complete | 4:7-1 |
| V. | <i>Key Themes in the Book</i> | Colossians |
| A. | The Gospel is meant to produce fruit | 1:6, 10, 22, 28, 3:10 |
| B. | Christ is sufficient to save and to produce fruit | 1:6, 10-12, 20-22, 28-29; 2:2-3, 10, 13-14 |
| C. | Christ is superior over all other so-called knowledge | 1:15-19; 2:9-11 |
| D. | Don't let yourself be controlled by man's wisdom | 2:8, 18-23 |
| E. | Be thankful in all things | 1:3, 12; 3:15-17, 4:2, 6, |
| F. | Recognize you are new, forgiven, dead to sin, seated with Christ | 1:14; 2:11-14, 20; 3:1, 3 |
| G. | Lay aside what you died to when you became a Christian | 3:1-5, 8-9, 18-22; 4:1 |
| H. | Put on those things that are consistent with your new self | 3:10-17; 4:6 |
| I. | Devote yourself to prayer and to sharing Christ with outsiders | 1:9; 4:2-6, 12 |
| VI. | Questions, Key Takeaways for You | |

What a blessing it has been for me to study Colossians with you! You have shown steady reverence for the Word and concern for how it applies to life. It has been a real encouragement being with you. My only regret is that I have not figured out how to cover the material and still set aside time to enjoy discussing. Thank you! – John M.

VII. Discuss at tables and maybe in your homes after this class is through

1. In Colossians, how did you see Paul state the completeness of forgiveness and of a changed life that happened to you when you believed the Gospel? In other words, where did he mention the gospel and its promise?
2. In Colossians, how did Paul emphasize the sufficiency and superiority of Christ over all knowledge and other claims to authority?
3. In Colossians, how did Paul show that Jesus was not only sufficient for “justification” (*being declared righteous with God, forgiven, going to heaven, having eternal life, being a new creature – everything under #1*) which happened when we were saved, but also sufficient for “sanctification” (enable us to have our lives changed to be more like Him), so that when we see Him, He is pleased with us and we have borne fruit?
4. In Colossians, how did Paul try to encourage us not to put our confidence in man, man’s wisdom, and man’s rules (that often look like they produce godliness), but rather in Christ and in what He has already accomplished?
5. In Colossians, what are some examples of what he tells us we are dead to/to lay aside since we are already new people who no longer need to live in sin?
6. In Colossians, what are some examples of what he tells us to put on since we are already new creatures, things that are consistent with that new identity?
7. In Colossians, giving thanks is mentioned 6-7 times in these 95 verses. How did that impact you in your life?
8. In Colossians, what instruction stuck with you regarding evangelism?