

# Colossians 1

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## SERMON NOTES

### Colossians: Christ is All in All

*"To live in the past and future is easy. To live in the present is like threading a needle."*

- Walker Percy, *Lancelot*

### Colossians: Christ is All in All

What do we know about this ancient letter/epistle?

- From:
- To:
- When?
- Where?
- Why?

*"Christ is both the beginning and the end of the material universe. Nor is his office in the spiritual world less complete. In the church, as in the universe, he is sole, absolute, supreme - the primary source from which all life proceeds and the ultimate arbiter in whom all feuds are reconciled."*

- J.B. Lightfoot

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- Greeting (v. 1-2)
- Prayer of Gratitude (v. 3-8)
- Prayer for Growth in the Gospel (v. 9-14)
- Uniqueness, Supremacy & Sufficiency of Christ (v. 15-23)
- Servant Leadership (v. 24-29)

*"The church has the opportunity to show the world that there is something more important than politics, something more lasting than the social media fervor of the day."*

- Trevin Wax

*"You can't get second things by putting them first; you can get second things only by putting first things first."*

- C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock: Essays on Theology and Ethics*

*“It is of real importance for present-day Christians to be reminded that a genuine spiritual experience is marked by ‘hope’ as much as by ‘faith’ and ‘love.’ This is seldom the emphasis in modern Christian teaching, as we see from the numerous sermons, studies, and books, on ‘faith’ and ‘love,’ compared with the few on Christian ‘hope.’”*

- Dick Lucas

*“As long as we think the next election might eliminate crime and establish justice or another scientific breakthrough might save the environment or another pay raise might push us over the edge of anxiety into a life of tranquility, we are not likely to risk the arduous uncertainties of the life of faith.”*

- Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

*“Jesus’s command to follow him is a command to align our loves and longings with his - to want what God wants, to desire what God desires, to hunger and thirst after God and crave a world where he is all in all - a vision encapsulated by the shorthand ‘the kingdom of God.’”*

- James K.A. Smith, *You Are What You Love*