

*Paul's Letter to the*

# Colossians

Introduction, Col. 2:6









**Could someone possibly...  
build a temple  
and forget  
why?**

**Could someone possibly...  
join a movement  
and forget  
the hero?**

**Could someone possibly...  
become a Christian  
and forget  
Christ?**



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“good Christian life” is  
“trying hard to obey the  
commands in the Bible”**



**What are Christians all about?**  
**“Politics... enforcing their own  
brand of morality... building  
their empire...”**



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**Around 60 AD**



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**To Christians in Colosse**



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**Center of “New Age” spirituality**





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**“Deeper” teachings,  
strict practices,  
ecstatic visions & experiences**

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The Colossians' problem:  
Jesus plus



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Jesus plus

The solution:  
Jesus is enough

# Key verse of Colossians:

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him.” *(Colossians 2:6, NIV)*



The Son  
is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn over all creation.

*(Colossians 1:15, NIV)*

For in him  
all things were created:  
things in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or powers or  
rulers or authorities; all things  
created through him and for him.

*(Colossians 1:16, NIV)*

He is  
before all things  
and in him  
all things hold together.

*(Colossians 1:17, NIV)*



He is  
the head of the body, the church;  
he is  
the beginning and the firstborn  
from among the dead  
so that in everything  
he might have the supremacy.

*(Colossians 1:18, NIV)*

For God was pleased to have  
all his fullness dwell in him,  
and through him to reconcile  
to himself all things, whether  
things on earth or things in heaven,  
by making peace through his  
blood, shed on the cross.

*(Colossians 1:19-20, NIV)*

**Mini-movie**  
**Video clip here**  
**“My King!”**  
**[Approx 3:30]**



**to be continued...**



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