

- ❖ **Take a look at an overview and background of Colossians chapters 1-4 using the Bible Project. (9:16 minutes)**

<https://youtu.be/pXTXlDxQsvc?si=S2gQlJNnIkWnd481>

- ❖ **Read aloud Colossians chapter 1. You can use a Bible app such as “Bible YouVersion”, or have several people read sections of chapter 1 aloud to the group.**

1) In verses 4-5, Paul gives thanks for the Colossian believers’ faith, love, and hope.

What keeps our/my focus inward instead of on Jesus?

What keeps our/my focus inward instead of on fellow believers in our church?

What keeps our/my focus inward instead of on believers’ heavenly destination?

(Read 1John 5:13)

2) In verses 9-14, what all does Paul continually pray for the Colossians?

3) Look over Paul’s poem about Jesus in verses 15-20.

Describe Jesus.

4) Now, as you look over verses 21-23, describe the Colossians and then yourself

before Jesus and after Jesus.

Think about someone who needs Jesus. Please stop and lift them in prayer.

5) In verses 24-29, Paul redefines success by explaining that his suffering was “for the sake of his [Jesus’s] body, which is the church.” What might suffering for the sake of our brothers and sisters in Christ here at GTCOC look like?

GO DEEPER: Take time this week to read and meditate on (think about) the supremacy of Jesus in verses 15-20. Write your own poem, hymn, or short prayer honoring Jesus.