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In Matthew, we journeyed with the King from His incarnation into humanity until His death, resurrection, and promise of a glorious return. The twelve apostles and newly appointed apostle Paul journeyed throughout the world at that time spreading the gospel and establishing and strengthening God's churches. Paul was imprisoned in Rome for his Christian beliefs, writing and dispersing several NT books, including this book of Colossians (Col. 4:3, 18). Colossians is written \_\_\_\_ years after the events of the gospel of Matthew.

## INTRODUCTION TO COLOSSIANS

### 1. The Church at Colosse

- Colosse was a city in modern day \_\_\_\_\_ (*Asia Minor*) **120 miles** from Ephesus and **9 miles** from Laodicea. Paul wrote Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and Philemon from prison – 2 Tim. 2:9.
- Paul established most of the NT churches in the Bible, but this church in Colosse doesn't appear to have been established by Paul, rather through Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ – Acts 19:1-10; Col. 2:1; Tit. 1:5.

*Epaphras* (Col. 1:7, 4:12-13; Phm. 1:3) =

*Tychicus and Onesimus* (Col. 4:7-9, 18; Eph. 6:21, 24) =

*Archippus, Onesimus, and Philemon* (Col. 4:17; Phm. 1:1-2, 10-15) =

### 2. The Connection to Colossians

- Paul mentions the Laodicean church \_\_\_\_ times in this letter and the need to read this letter in the Laodicean church and from the Laodicean church – Col. 2:1, 4:13-15; Rev. 3:14-22.

### 3. The Theme of Colossians

- Jesus Christ is everything we need and we are \_\_\_\_\_ in Him – Col. 1:19, 28; 2:9-10; 3:11.

*Key words in Colossians...*“\_\_\_\_\_, full, fulness, filled, and complete”

### 4. The Outline of Colossians

Chapter 1	The fulness of Jesus Christ
Chapter 2	The fulness of Every Christian
Chapter 3	Fulfilling our Christianity
Chapter 4	_____ Brethren

