

ONTARIO COMMUNITY CHURCH
presents:

Christ Above All:

An Introduction to Colossians



Colossians Outline:

- C1. The Joy and Blessing of Salvation
 - V1 – V12: Thanksgiving and Prayer
 - V13 – V23: The Gift of Salvation
 - V24 – V29: Joy in Suffering
- C2. The Warning of False Teachers
 - V1 – V15: Concern for Christians
 - V16 – V23: The False Teachings
- C3. The Guidance for the Christian Life
 - V1 – V11: Reject the former life
 - V12 - V17: Put on the new life
 - V18 – C4:V1: The Christian Home
- C4. Guidance and Greetings
 - V1 – V6: Prayer and Non-believers
 - V7 - V18: Conclusion and Greetings



Why should we care about Colossians?

- It is a part of the Word of God. It is divinely inspired.
 - o *2 Timothy 3:6*
- We can learn and apply Biblical truth to our lives. God works in and through us through his Word.
 - o *Romans 12:2*
- It helps grow in our faith and understanding of Christ. This is a part of building upon the foundation in Christ.
 - o *Ephesians 4:21-24*

What is Colossians about?

- Colossians is about Christ. (Colossians 1:15-20)
 - o Christological Book of the Bible
 - o Who Christ is, his role and his significance.
- Paul responds to false teachings by **truth** about the Christ being all that we need, and is in all things. (Colossians 2:8-10)
 - o Focus on Christ, not the things of this world.
 - *Colossians 3:1-2*
 - o Jesus rules over creation and the church.
 - *Colossians 1:16-18*
 - o Jesus is preeminent, meaning he is the first in all.
 - *Colossians 1:18*
 - o False teachings about Food, Festivals, Angel Worship, extreme treatment of the body, and religion.
 - *Colossians 2:16-23*
- Paul gives guidance for how to live as a Christian (Colossians 3)
 - o Rejecting the old life, living the new life.
 - *Colossians 3:1-17*
 - o Guidance for the Christian household.
 - *Colossians 3:18-21*

How can we apply Colossians to our lives and the church today?

- Coming to know who Jesus is helps us change our mind and believe.
 - o *Colossians 1:21-22*
- We go from the old life to the new life in Christ. We can live out this new identity and life in him.
 - o *Colossians 3:5, Colossians 3:10*
- The Word of Christ can dwell in us richly, and we can discern truth from lies.
 - o *Colossians 3:16*
- We learn how to become better Christians, have better relationships with our family and the church.
 - o *Colossians 3:13*
- We learn how to engage culture by walking in the wisdom of God. We speak truth to others while dealing in love (gracious speech) being an ambassador for Christ.
 - o *Colossians 4:5-6*
- We stay rooted in truth, not being led astray by similar lies or narratives. We respond accordingly by the equipping of God's Word.
 - o *Colossians 2:8*
- Like Colossae, we remain faithful to God, and love for others.
 - o *Colossians 3:14*