

JESUS >

A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

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SAVAGE WOLVES: ACTS 20:24-31

In essentials, unity, in non-essentials liberty and in all things charity."

COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

FINE-SOUNDING ARGUMENTS: COLOSSIANS 2:4

HOLLOW AND DECEPTIVE PHILOSOPHY: COLOSSIANS 2:8

ANOTHER GOSPEL: GALATIANS 1:6-8

A DIFFERENT GOSPEL: 2 CORINTHIANS 11:4

ITCHING EARS: 2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4

FALSE ROADS: MATTHEW 7:13-14

ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL: ROMANS 1:16

ANOTHER GOSPEL? BY ALISA CHILDERS

"It may be the most influential book you will read this year."

Lee Strobel

RECYCLED ERROR: ECCLESIASTES 1:9

WHAT MAKES PEOPLE OPEN TO ANOTHER GOSPEL?

1. ABUSE OF _____ IN THE CHURCH.
2. NO SAFE PLACE TO _____ IN THE CHURCH.
3. THE _____ DEMANDS OF HISTORIC CHRISTIANITY.
4. TROUBLE WITH THE _____.
5. _____ IN THE CHURCH.
6. THE PROBLEM OF _____.
7. THE FALSE PERCEPTION THAT CHRISTIANITY IS _____.

WHAT FORM DOES ANOTHER GOSPEL TAKE TODAY?

1. A BIBLE WITHOUT _____.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

2. A CROSS WITHOUT _____.

JOHN 1:29

MATTHEW 20:28

JOHN 10:17-18

3. THE _____ NEWS WITHOUT THE _____ NEWS.

ROMANS 3:23

ROMANS 6:23

4. A CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT _____.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:18-20

5. THE GOSPEL WITHOUT _____.

HEBREWS 9:27

JESUS > ANOTHER GOSPEL !

Fill in the blanks: power, doubt, moral, Bible, legalism, suffering, anti-science, authority, atonement, good, bad, sexual morality, judgment

This Study Guide will help you go deeper throughout the week with daily scripture reading and questions for your own personal reflection and application. It is also designed to be used for discussion with your family, friends and Life Group.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING

Day 1	Colossians 1:15-23
Day 2	Colossians 1:15-16
Day 3	Colossians 1:17-18
Day 4	Colossians 1:19-20
Day 5	Colossians 1:21-23

DAILY READING JOURNAL

Whether you are reading Colossians for the first time, or have studied it numerous times, we have designed the journals to help you grow in your daily Bible reading. The journals use the SOAP method, a simple yet powerful tool, to help guide you into deeper understanding and application of the Bible.

OPEN UP

What hymn or praise song has been a good reminder to you that Jesus > all things?

UNDERSTANDING COLOSSIANS

To combat the false teachers, Paul not only declares Jesus's supremacy—he sings it. Verses 15-20 were written in the poetic rhythm of a hymn. It's as if Paul pauses for a brief moment to exalt Jesus by worshiping Him with a song. Paul is not telling the Colossians anything new; he is singing what they already believe as a reminder and reinforcement. Read this section aloud as though you were reading the words of a hymn of praise to help you focus on and absorb the words.

JESUS & THE CHURCH VERSES 1:15-20

As you read verses 15-20, create a list of the things that are true about Jesus.

How does verse 16 describe Jesus's authority?

What would it look like for you to live in such a way to reflect that Jesus has authority over every aspect of your life?

What areas of your day-to-day life are most difficult for you to live under Jesus's authority? Why?

THE GOSPEL VERSES 1:21-23

When in your life have you felt most alienated from others? From God (1:21)?

What practical difference does it make in your life to know that you're presented "without blemish and free from accusation" before God because of Jesus (1:22)?

Paul urges us to "continue in our faith, established and firm, and not to move from the hope held out in the gospel" (1:23). How firm do you feel in your faith and hope in Jesus today? Use a scale of 1-10 (1=shaky, 10=firmly rooted).

APPLICATION

This hymn of praise reminded the Colossians that Jesus is > all things. Choose a praise song or hymn that will remind you of that same truth. Listen to, or sing, that song in the margins of your life throughout this week.

CHALLENGE

What are your first thoughts each day focused on? Do you pray and depend on Jesus supremely before making decisions? Do you make following His will a greater priority than your own desires? What is one step you will take in order to make Jesus a greater priority in your life? What will you do today? This week?