

# Colossians

## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

Paul, while in prison, is writing a letter to a small group of new believers at Colossae, which would be in modern-day Turkey. The letter was written around 60 A.D., so probably around 30-35 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. Paul wrote this letter to encourage the new believers as they were being attacked about the deity of Jesus.

The nature of Jesus Christ as both Creator and Redeemer is a non-negotiable in our faith, so Paul wanted to bring his wisdom to the difficult situation that this new church was in. A clear understanding of who Jesus is leads to a stronger faith and better relationships that are not easily shaken when doubt or turmoil come visiting.



## BEST PRACTICES FOR SMALL GROUPS

- Welcome everyone to the group.
- Take some time to introduce yourself and consider having everyone else introduce themselves.
- Remind your small group that this is a safe place so you are allowed to be vulnerable.
- Begin with prayer, either you or one of your group members can lead it.
- [Read Colossians 1:15-29](#)
- Watch the video.
- Ask the discussion questions. Don't worry, you don't have to have all the answers. Silence is ok! Sometimes this is when the Holy Spirit does his best work.
- Close in prayer taking some time for prayer requests if you can.

# Discussion Questions

## QUESTION 1

If the purpose of God appearing in human form is healing and reconciliation, what does that mean in your life? Has there been a time when you have felt that because of your relationship with Jesus?

## QUESTION 3

Pastor Kevin says that the secret is not your genealogy, it is your first hand faith. It is Christ living in you. Was there a time when your faith became your own and not your parents or grandparents? Would you like to share about it?

## QUESTION 2

In those moments when you need a spiritual reset or you get out of alignment with Jesus, what helps to bring you back into alignment? What are some spiritual practices that help fix your gaze back on Jesus?

## QUESTION 4

Reread Paul's poem in verses 15-20. Is there a word or phrase that grabs your heart or really stands out to you? What do you think God may be trying to tell you through that phrase?



## Colossians 1:27

For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.