

Colossi

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1. Colossi

- a. located in the region of Phrygia - 100 miles east of Ephesus (Turkey)
- b. 5th century B.C. important trade route between these regions and Persia
- c. Noted for dark red wool cloth known as colissinium
- d. 100 B.C. lost importance when Laodicea was established - banking center
- e. destroyed by earthquake in 17 A.D. during reign of Tiberius
- f. destroyed again by earthquake in 60 A.D. during reign of Nero
- g. 400 A.D. had ceased to exist as a city
- h. Near Lycus river - aquafer piped water to Laodicea
- i. Site has never been excavated but some ruins are visible - theater & a few buildings
- j. became influenced by Greek, Jewish & Oriental religions - Colossian heresy
 1. Cult that proposed a new philosophy
 2. Taught worship of angels as intermediaries between God and man

2. The Church at Colossi

- a. **Col 1.4** - Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus (Paul not there)
- b. **Acts 2.10** - Phrygians noted as being in Jerusalem on Pentecost
- c. **Col 4.12** - Epaphras, who is one of you - may have been founder of congregation
- d. **Phil 23** - Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus
- e. **Col 4.9** - Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother
- f. **Phil 10-11** - I beseech thee for my son Onesimus
- g. **Phil 1-2** - the church in thy house
- h. **Col 1.7** - Epaphras - for you a faithful minister

3. The Colossians

- a. **Col 1.4** - faith and love for the saints
- b. **Col 1.21-22** - gentiles - similar to language of Ephesians
- c. **Eph 2.12-13** - ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ
- d. **Col 2.1** - for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh
- e. **Col 2.5** - the stedfastness of your faith in Christ
- f. **Col 2.8** - beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit
- g. **Col 2.18** - let no man beguile you of your reward

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2. The Church at Colossi

Col 1.4 - We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4: Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus ...

Acts 2.10 - Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes

Col 4.12 - Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

Phil 23 - There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus

Col 4.9 - With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.

Phil 10-11 - I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds: 11: Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me

Phil 1-2 - Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer, 2: And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house

Col 1.7 - As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ

3. The Colossians

Col 1.4 - Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints

Col 1.21-22 - And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22: In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

Eph 2.12-13 - That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 13: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Col 2.1 - For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea,

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and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh

Col 2.5 - For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ

Col 2.8 - Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Col 2.18 - Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind

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