

1 **Colossians**

Bible Study Series
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2 **Colossians: Introduction**

A. Background of the letter

1. Written by Paul, to the Colossians, around 64 AD while he was in prison.
2. Twelfth book in the New Testament.
3. 51st book of the Bible. Compare and Contrast with Isaiah chapter 51.
4. Complimentary letters to local churches in the same timeframe:
 - Ephesians = Key word: One
 - Philippians = Key word: Same
 - Colossians = Key word: All
5. Paul was in Colosse on his second and third missionary journeys; (Acts 16:6; 18:23 See map).

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A. Background of the letter (Cont'd)

6. Four chapters, 95 verses, containing 1,979 words.
7. Consider 2 Timothy 3:16 "for instruction in righteousness"
 - 2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God,
 - and is profitable for doctrine, [*Romans*]
 - for reproof, [*1 & 2 Corinthians*]
 - for correction, [*Galatians*]
 - for instruction in righteousness: [*Ephesians through Philemon*]

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B. Key words

All (32) Body (8) One (7) Wisdom (6) Heard (5) Knowledge (4) Mystery (4)

C. Unique Words [that appear only in Colossians]

Handwriting 2:14; Heartily 3:23; Intruding 2:18; Philosophy 2:8;

Rudiments 2:8 & 20; Unreproveable 1:22; Visible 1:16

D. Key phrases: All things (9) The body (6)

E. Theme of the book: 1 :18 "That in all things he might have the preeminence" 3:8 "Christ is all, and in all"

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E. Outline of the book:

1. Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing 1:10
2. Ye are complete in Him 2:10
3. Christ is all and in all 3:11
4. That ye may stand perfect and complete 4:12