

## **The Book of Colossians, Part 3**

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### **Opening Summary**

In this study, we will look into the mystery that has been revealed, which is God lives in everyone who receives Jesus as Lord, including gentiles. As we study Colossians chapter 2, we will see that Christians must not be ruined by philosophy or tradition of men. We've been buried in baptism in Christ. As a result, the law has no power over us, so every day is the sabbath day for us. We will further discover we are dead with Christ from the world's principles. And having taught the truth God revealed to him, Paul was considered a traitor to his people.

- I. Everything the apostle, Paul, talked about was considered sacrilegious by his own people. He deviated from societal norms. Therefore, he suffered much persecution. But he was successful in bringing many people to Christ.
- II. Col. 1:21: Enemies: Those who oppose God are enemies of God.
  - A. Col. 1:22: God sees you holy and without even a blemish.
  - B. Col. 1:23-25: Remain in faith (Gk.: *pistis*) trust, confidence and belief in God.
  - C. Avoid offense (Mark 4:17).
    1. You should have hope and an expectation of the gospel.
    2. *Made* means *caused to be*.
    3. God chose Paul to be a minister to the gentiles (Rom. 10:1).
    4. *Dispensation* means *stewardship*
  - D. Eph. 3:1: Paul's attitude is that he is God's prisoner. Jesus is his controller.
    1. This is Paul's main assignment. Although he spoke to some of the Jews.
    2. Do not leave your main assignment.
    3. Eph. 3:2: God gave Paul grace (the anointing) to minister to people he didn't understand.
    4. Eph. 3:3: This mystery is that God dwells in all, even gentiles, who call on the name of Jesus.
    5. Eph. 3:4-5: It was supernatural ability that helped Paul do his assignment.
    6. Eph. 8-10: God found a way to spread the gospel to everyone.
- III. Col. 1:26-27: The mystery is the anointing in you (Christ in you) the hope of glory.
  - A. Col. 1:28-29: God's power is active in Paul.
- IV. Col. 2:1: Everyone hasn't seen Paul yet.
  - A. They were under persecution and needed to be comforted.
  - B. They also needed to stay in the love of God.
  - C. All the treasures of wisdom are hidden in the Father and in Christ.
  - D. All the answers for covid19 and any other medical condition are in Him.
- V. Col. 2:4-5: I've always ran our church as a business so we could last.
  - A. They had faith in Christ, the anointing.
  - B. The context is men deceiving them with enticing words.

- C. Col. 2:7: The terms “in Christ,” “in whom,” “in him” tell you what’s yours.
  - D. Thanksgiving is gratitude. Praising God brings the wisdom of God.
  - E. Col. 2:8: Don’t follow the way of *your people*; follow the way of *the Holy Ghost*.
  - F. Col. 2:9: In Jesus is the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
  - G. *Complete* means *furnish*.
  - H. Col. 2:11: You are spiritually circumcised in Christ.
    1. Gen. 17:1, 9-11: Circumcision was a covenant issue.
    2. This is against traditional Jewish teaching – circumcision is of the heart.
    3. Col. 2:11-12: Circumcision of Christ means cutting of Christ.
    4. 1 Cor. 12:11-13: By one Spirit we are baptized into Christ’s body.
    5. Because of Christ things change.
  - I. Col. 2:12: When Jesus was risen from the dead, so were you.
- VI. Col. 2:13: You were dead in your sins, but Christ made you alive with Himself.
- A. Christ has forgiven all our trespasses.
  - B. Col. 2:14: He wiped away the law (ordinances) and nailed them to His cross.
    1. 1 Tim. 3:16: You too were justified in the Spirit and made holy through Christ.
    2. Col. 2:15: *Spoiled* means *put off*. Jesus put off those spirits.
    3. He did it boldly, unashamedly so everyone could see it.
- VII. Col. 2:16: *Judge* (Gk.: *krino*) means to *condemn*?
- A. Rom. 14:1-23: Do whatever you do in faith.
  - B. Christians try to live according to Jewish law. Christians are spiritual Jews.
  - C. Col. 2:17-19: Don’t let anyone cause you to lose your victory.
    1. Eph. 4:11-16: *Fitly* means *close*. Every person in the Body of Christ has something to add to the body.
    2. Add your limited portion.
    3. Unity causes the body to grow.
    4. In Acts 6 satan brought division.
    5. In Acts 7 they were scattered all over the world because of strife.
    6. Strife gets you off your game to get you out of God’s will.
    7. Every day we have opportunity to let satan lord over us.
- VIII. Col. 2:20: A dead man can’t hear a thing. Paul preached contrary to Jewish tradition.
- A. Col. 2:23: Doing things of the flesh does not make one holy.
  - B. Col. 3:1: If you’re risen with Christ, seek that which is above.

### **Closing Summary**

Praise God for His holy word. We looked into the mystery revealed which is God now lives in everyone who receives Jesus as Lord, including gentiles. Christians are not to be ruined by the philosophy or tradition of men. Having been buried in baptism in Christ, the law has no power over us. That means every day is the sabbath day for us. We learned we are dead with Christ from the world’s principles. In teaching the doctrine of Christ, Paul was considered a traitor to his people. However, he focused on that which is above where Christ sits at God’s right hand.