

## Scraps from the margins of my Bible.

# COLOSSIANS

with a little expansion  
Phil Myers

Direct quotes from the Bible are  
**\*bold** \*underlined and *\*italicized*  
i.e. scattered

### Introduction

1. Christ is the head of the Body, *remember Ephesians focuses on the Body itself*
2. Paul probably never visited Colossae itself.
3. Colossae seems to be a "church plant" out of the church in Ephesus where Timothy was pastor.
4. Ephesians and Colossians are very similar in content.
5. Many feel that both epistles of Ephesians and Colossians were sent at the same time and carried by the same courier.
6. Themes: prayer, persecution, Jesus' deity, anti-Gnosticism, the Son [60X], the Father [30X], Jesus Himself [70X in 95 verses], they reached the world [2X].

### Outline:

- Doctrine, ch 1
- Polemic [argument], ch 2
- Application, ch 3,4

1.2 **saints**, doesn't mean "super-good" it means set apart for a holy purpose. All believers are set apart by God, but not all believers have set themselves apart unto holy living. *see notes at 3.8*

1.5 hope, I Thes 1.3 Heb 10.22-24 I Pet 1.3

1.6 **in all the world**, obvious hyperbole

1.9,10 knowledge = root

walk = trunk

fruit = fruit

1.15 "Jesus is the goal of Creation, not man."

"Creation make no sense if you leave out Jesus." *Dr. Johnny Miller*

1.16 **visible & invisible**, thrones, etc. [governments are invisible], spirit world

\* powers = Gnostic preoccupation with angels

\* 4 categories - are these ranks of demons? *see Eph 6.12 [4 groupings]*

1.19 **all fulness dwells**, Jesus is completely God & is all of God, *see 2.9 "all the fulness of the godhead bodily"*

1.24-29 demon outline [sermon outline I heard], 1.24 Hurt 1.27 Hope 1.29 Help

1.26,27 mystery definition: *see also 2.2 4.3*

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1.28 warning/admonishing, *see 2.4 also*

2.4 **enticing words**, persuasive arguments, another warning against false teaching, specifically Gnostic thought

2.2 **mystery**, again *see 4.3*

2.6,7 "The most important verses in Colossians." *Dr. Johnny Miller*

**As ye . . . received . . . so walked . . . rooted . . . in Him**, *see sister book Ephesians 4.1 5.2,8,15 WALK*

2.8 **philosophy & vain deceit**, Gnosticism again For those without Christ, there is no meaning to life.

\* Sartre: "Life is an empty bubble on a sea of nothingness."

Gnostics [and agnostics] have no idea.

\* Why are we here? To bring glory to God by using our divinely given spiritual gifts! Rom 12, I Cor 12

2.9 Deity lives in dirt. God became a human made of dust.

2.12 clearest picture of baptism by immersion

- 2.14 Phil's sins were all nailed to a Cross 2,000 years ago.  
ordinances = Mosaic laws of death for sins
- 2,16 Essenes [*Qumran community, quasi-Gnostic*], had great emphasis on special foods, days, & forms of worship
- 2.18 voluntary humility worshipping angels. . . vainly puffed up, more Gnostic practices
- 2.21-23 don't touch. . . taste. . . handle, asceticism, another Gnostic maxim

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3.1 right hand of God, Rom 8.34 Psa 110.1 Eph 1.20 Heb 1.3,13 8.1 10.12 12.2

\* Doing things that angels on the left couldn't do?

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3.5 concupiscence = evil sexual desire

3.8 anger—orge οργη, deeply settled

wrath—thumos θυμος, explosive

malice—kakia κακια, wrath with hatred

put off all these, I take it this means in a "once-for-all-time" moment of total dedication which we can look back on.

I made this decision, age 10, 1st week in May. Never went back.

see Rom 12.1,2 "present your bodies a living sacrifice"

3.10 Old Nature & New Nature, I John 3.4-6

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3.12-15 put on, 9 Things: heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, bearing one another, forgiving, love, and peace. Whew! Keep it up until you die, Phil.

3.16 dwelling, live here, Phil. Commitment is "be filled with the Spirit." Eph 5.18

spiritual songs, I wonder if this means to sing Bible verses.

3.17 the culmination of walking = in whatever you do, see 3.8 "dedication time"

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4.6 how ye ought to answer every man, polite, never in fury, never sarcastic, always graciously, seasoned with salt, never mocking or belittling

\* extended to: bosses, critics, adversaries, wives, in-laws, kids [*yours & others'*], small children, even heretics

\* Although I was trained as a critic against false teaching, I work hard at graciousness but it's not yet second nature to me.

4.12 Epaphras, perhaps 1st pastor of Colossee, BKCommentary, see Phil 4.18

4.17 MY LIFE VERSE:

" . . . and say to Archippus [Phil Myers], take heed to the ministry

which thou hast received from the Lord

that thou fulfill it."

*By God's grace I will finish well!*