



COLOSSIANS

Christ is All



OUTLINE OF COLOSSIANS

I. (1:1–23) Letter Opening

- A. (1:1–8) Greeting and thanksgiving for the Colossians' faith
- B. (1:9–13) Paul's prays for the Colossians' walk
- C. (1:14–23) Paul extols the person and work of the Son
 - 1. (1:14–20) This Son is the Lord of Creation and the New Creation
 - 2. (1:21–23) The Colossians have been reconciled in the Son.

II. (1:24–4:1) Letter Body

- A. (1:24–2:5) Paul's Ministry to the Colossians
 - 1. (1:24–29) Paul suffers (and rejoices) in his gospel ministry
 - 2. (2:1–5) Paul struggles (and rejoices) for the Colossians' maturity
- B. (2:6–23) Christ's sufficiency for the Colossians' maturity
 - 1. (2:6–15) The full sufficiency of Christ over spiritual powers and religious systems
 - 2. (2:16–23) The empty insufficiency of everything that isn't "according to Christ"
- C. (3:1–4:6)
 - 1. (3:1–4)
 - 2. (3:5–11)
 - 3. (3:12–17)
 - 4. (3:18–4:1)
 - 5. (4:2–6)

III. (4:7–18) Letter Closing



OUTLINE OF COLOSSIANS 2:16 - 23

The Empty Insufficiency of Everything that isn't "according to Christ"

1. (16–17) The Insufficiency of Legalism
 - a. The Problem
 - b. The Command
 - c. The Reason
2. (18–19) The Insufficiency of Mysticism
 - a. The Problem
 - b. The Command
 - c. The Reason
3. (20–23) The Insufficiency of Asceticism
 - a. The Problem
 - b. The Command
 - c. The Reason



b/c Christ is sufficient

legalism

Heb 10:1

16 Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or

drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day—

17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the

substance belongs to Christ. 18 Let no one keep defrauding you of

your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of

the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated

without cause by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the

head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held

together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which

is from God.

false humility



²⁰ If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, ²¹ “Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!” ²² (which all refer to things destined to perish with use)—in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men? ²³ These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.

