

“A Vision for the Fall”
The Supremacy of Christ Series
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Three reasons why I should personally study Colossians this fall:

1. Doctrine is important and practical. (Colossians 1)

“What we believe determines how we behave.”

Warren Wiersbe, *Be Complete*, David C. Cook,
Colorado Springs, CO, 1981, p. 25.

“Our evangelical churches are in danger of diluting the faith in their loving attempt to understand the beliefs of others. Mysticism, legalism, Eastern religions, asceticism, and man-made philosophies are secretly creeping into churches. They are not denying Christ, but they are dethroning Him and robbing Him of His rightful place of preeminence.”

Warren Wiersbe, *Be Complete*, David C. Cook,
Colorado Springs, CO, 1981, p. 26.

2. Deception is real and dangerous. (Colossians 2)

“I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments...See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.”

Colossians 2:4, 8

3. Daily living is complicated and hard. (Colossians 3-4)

“In the two concluding chapters, Paul applied the pre-eminence of Christ to the daily affairs of life. If Christ is truly preeminent in our lives, then we will glorify Him by keeping pure, by enjoying fellowship with other saints, by loving each other at home and being faithful at work, and by seeking to witness for Christ and serve Him effectively. Unless doctrine leads to duty, it is of no use to us.”

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Background Quiz on Colossians

1. The author of Colossians is:
 - A. Peter
 - B. Paul
 - C. Pastor Jim
 - D. John
2. When was the book of Colossians written?
 - A. 35 AD
 - B. 50 AD
 - C. 60 AD
 - D. 67 AD
3. Who was the book of Colossians written to?
 - A. The Church of Colossae
 - B. Timothy
 - C. Believers in Prison
 - D. Jewish Leaders
4. Colossae is located in what is now known as:
 - A. Israel
 - B. Egypt
 - C. Palestine
 - D. Turkey
5. Who founded the Colossian church?
 - A. Paul
 - B. Pastor Jan
 - C. Peter
 - D. Epaphras
6. How old was the Colossian church when they received the letter?
 - A. 2 years old
 - B. 5 years old
 - C. 10 years old
 - D. 15 years old

7. What was the biggest problem facing the Colossian church?
 - A. New and false doctrines were invading the church
 - B. Persecution
 - C. Weak Leaders
 - D. Immorality

8. The Colossian heretics:
 - A. denied the resurrection.
 - B. denied the validity of the Old Testament.
 - C. denied the deity and sufficiency of Christ.
 - D. denied the reality of angels.

9. The main theme of Colossians is:
 - A. the preeminence of Jesus Christ.
 - B. the need for honesty and morality.
 - C. the resurrection.
 - D. Christian living.

10. The book of Colossians is:
 - A. outdated.
 - B. irrelevant.
 - C. full of inconsistencies.
 - D. relevant for all of us today.

September–December 2010 Sermon Schedule

September 12	Introduction and Vision for Series: Doctrine, Danger, Duty		Pastor Jeff
September 19	Gospel = Faith, Love, and Hope	Colossians 1:1-8	Pastor Jeff
September 26	A Prisoner's Prayer	Colossians 1:9-14	Pastor Jim
October 3	The Supremacy of Christ (Communion)	Colossians 1:15-23	Pastor Jeff
October 10	Passion and Purpose for the Church	Colossians 1:24-2:3	Pastor Jeff
October 17	Believers Beware	Colossians 2:4-23	Pastor Jeff
October 24	Living the Risen Life	Colossians 3:1-4	Dr. Michael Moriarty
October 31	All Dressed Up and Someplace to Go	Colossians 3:5-17	Pastor Jeff
November 7	Baptism Celebration		Pastor Jeff
November 14	The Supremacy of Christ in Marriage	Colossians 3:18, 19	Pastor Jeff
November 21	The Supremacy of Christ in Parenting (Child Dedication)	Colossians 3:20, 21	Pastor Jim
November 28	The Supremacy of Christ in the Workplace	Colossians 3:22-4:1	Pastor Todd
December 5	Living and Proclaiming Christ	Colossians 4:2-6	Pastor Jeff
December 12	With a Little Help from my Friends	Colossians 4:7-18	Pastor Jeff