



## Outline of Colossians

- I. **(1:1-11) - Introduction**
  - A. (1:1-2) – Salutation
  - B. (1:3-8) – Paul’s *basis* for writing. [*Why should Paul, who has never seen them, write an epistle to their church?*]
  - C. (1:9-11) – Paul’s *goal* in writing. [*What does Paul hope to accomplish?*]
  
- II. **(1:12 - 2:7) – Correct Understanding of Christ**
  - A. (1:12-14) – The Kingdom of Christ: *light vs. darkness*
  - B. (1:15-19) – The Person of Christ
  - C. (1:20-23) – The Work of Christ – *reconciliation*.
  - D. (1:24 – 2:3) – The Mystery of Christ
  - E. (2:4-7) – Application: Stay in Christ [*The Christ you first heard about*]
  
- III. **(2:8-23) – NEGATIVELY: The Incorrect Understanding of Holiness** (seen because of the correct understanding of Christ)
  - A. (2:8-10) – Method of Error: Man’s reason vs. the Infinite Christ
  - B. (2:11-14) – Christ, Not The OT Ceremonies
  - C. (2:15) – Christ, Not The Demons
  - D. (2:16-23) – Applications:
    - 1. (2:16-17) – No judging re: OT ceremonies
    - 2. (2:18-19) – No worship of angels
    - 3. (2:20-23) – No man-made rules
  
- IV. **(3:1 – 4:6) – POSITIVELY: The Correct Understanding of Holiness from a Correct Understanding of Christ**
  - A. (3:1-4) – Our exaltation in Christ – the *basis* for holiness.
  - B. (3:5-11) – Putting off and putting on – the *method* of holiness
  - C. (3:12 – 4:6) – Relationships – the *arena* of holiness
    - 1. (3:12-17) – Holiness in the church
    - 2. (3:18-21) – Holiness in the family
    - 3. (3:22-4:1) – Holiness in our work
    - 4. (4:2-4) – Holiness toward the church universal
    - 5. (4:5-6) – Holiness towards unbelievers
  
- V. **(4:7-18) – Closing**