

OVERVIEW OF COLOSSIANS

Paul's Concern for the Colossians 1:1-2:5	Appeal to Stand Firm in Christ 2:6-3:4	Instructions on the Christian Way of Life 3:5-4:18
1:1-2 Introduction and Greeting	2:6-7 Stand firm in Christ as they were taught	3:5-11 Put to death the things of the old humanity's way of life
1:3-8 Thanksgiving for the positive response to the gospel	2:8-15 Every divine thing (all God's fulness) you need has been given you in Christ	3:12-17 Put on the virtues of the new humanity in Christ
1:9-23 Prayer for continued faithfulness and reflection on the person & work of Jesus	2:16-19 You don't need any other religious thing to be truly spiritual	3:18-4:1 Order your household according to this way of life
1:24-2:5 Paul's struggle for their spiritual growth	2:20-23 Death with Christ makes futile religious rigors unnecessary	4:2-6 Call to prayer; act wisely toward unbelievers
	3:1-4 Being raised with Christ frees us to set our mind on his things	4:7-17 Greetings to and from members of the Christian community
		4:18 Sign off