



## **COLOSSIANS**

**Tuesdays 9:30 -10:45 am, beginning August 4, 2020**

**August 4- Introduction, 1:1-23**

**August 11- 1:24-2:23**

**August 18- 3:1-4:1**

**August 25- 4:2-18, Conclusion**

**Author: Paul, from prison**

**Date: 55/56**

**To: Church at Colossae**

**New church founded by Epaphras**

**Small town between Hierapolis and Laodecia**

**Destroyed in 60's by earthquake**

**Likely a sizable Jewish presence**

**Influence of Artemis and syncretism**

**Purposes: Instruct a young congregation**

**Address heresy**

**Update church on Paul's situation (Onesimus)**

**Themes: Thanksgiving**

**Absolute lordship of Christ**

**Mystery and wisdom**

**Reconciliation**

**Guidelines for life of faith**



**Outline**

**1:1-14 Introduction and Thanksgiving**

**1:15-23 Christ Hymn and the gospel**

**1:24-25 Role of the Apostle**

**2:6-23 Disputing False Teachers**

**3:1-17 Ethical Living of the transformed and renewal**

**3:18-4:1 Life in the orderly Christian household**

**4:2-6 Concluding Admonition and Prayer Request**

**4:10-18 Conclusion**

**Sources: NT Wright, The New Testament and Its World**

**Paul: A Biography**

**Paul for Everyone**

**Eugene Boring and Fred Craddock, The Peoples New Testament  
Commentary**

**Craig Keener, editor, Cultural Backgrounds Bible**