

Colossians: The Sufficiency of Christ
A Survey of the Bible

Context: Who, Where, When, and Why?

- Who composed Colossians?
- Who was the original audience of Colossians?
- When and where was Colossians written?
- Why was Paul writing?

Content: How and What?

- *How is Colossians organized?*

Introduction: Salutation and Greeting ([1:1-2](#))

Personal Connection: Paul's Care for and Ministry to the Church ([1:3-2:5](#))

- Thanksgiving and Prayer: Thankful for faith, hope, and love, and praying for pleasing fruit. ([1:3-14](#))
- Background: The Supremacy of Christ in the Gospel and Paul's Ministry. ([1:15-2:5](#))

Main Idea: Life with Christ at the Center of Life ([2:6-7](#))

Doctrine of Salvation: The Supremacy of Christ in the Life of the Church ([2:8-23](#))

- Christ is fully God; in Him you have all you need. ([2:8-15](#))
- Christ is the reality; all else is shadows. ([2:16-19](#))
- Christ frees us from human rules and regulations. ([2:20-23](#))

Practice of Sanctification: The Supremacy of Christ in the Life of the Believer ([3:1-4:6](#))

- Transformation: The Old Self and the New Self. ([3:1-14](#))
- Relationships: Christian Living in the Home. ([3:15-4:1](#))
- Evangelism: Devotion to Prayer and Winsome Living. ([4:2-6](#))

Conclusion: Greetings, Exhortation, and Benediction ([4:7-18](#))

- *What is the message of Colossians?*

Conviction: So What?

- Where does Colossians fit?
 - As a short epistle, Colossians is full of rich theology, clear application, and personal connection. We learn a lot about the “Pauline Circle” at the end of the book.
 - Colossians is a deeply theological letter that is written to a church that is being threatened with teaching that diminishes the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ.
 - Colossians presents perhaps Paul’s most lofty presentation of Christology.
 - Colossians also presents the clear application of a high Christology to daily living.
- What should we believe?
 - Jesus Christ is God and nothing less.
 - In Him we have all we need.
- How should we behave?
 - Cancel your quest for more rituals.
 - Cancel your quest for more knowledge.
 - Cancel your quest for more experiences.
 - Cancel your quest for more rules.

Next Steps

- Lock in to the Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ.
- Deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Allow God’s word about His Son to be “at home” in your life.

This Week's Growth Guide

God’s Word is both central and critical to your spiritual growth. We invite you to utilize the Growth Guide during the week to further your application of the Truth from the message.

- **Monday** - [Colossians 1](#)
- **Tuesday** - [Colossians 2](#)
- **Wednesday** - [Colossians 3](#)
- **Thursday** - [Colossians 4](#)
- **Friday** - [Colossians 1-4](#)

Finances

Weekly Budget 32,692
Giving For 04/21 32,465
Giving For 04/28 31,628
YTD Budget 1,438,462
Giving 1,523,806
OVER/(UNDER) 85,344

Baby Dedication

Fellowship loves partnering with parents to dedicate them to the Lord. Sunday, May 12th, during both services, we will have a time for parents to dedicate their children and be prayed over by Ken. *If you would like to have your children dedicated, email Lisa at lgerdes@fellowshipconway.org. Please include what service you would like.*

New to Fellowship?

We are so glad that you chose to worship with our Fellowship Family this morning. If you are joining us for the first time or have been checking us out for a few weeks, we are excited you are here and would love to meet you. Please fill out the “Connect Card” and bring it to the Connection Center in the Atrium, we would love to say “hi” and give you a gift.

Invest in the Next Generation

We are wrapping up the school year and preparing to head into the summer session, June 2-August 11. We have positions in the nursery through the fourth grade. Be a part of laying a foundation of faith for our kids. Contact Heather at hmckinney@fellowshipconway.org.

Vacation Bible School

VBS registration is open! This is the time to register your kids for this fun week as well as for you to volunteer. VBS is for children currently in Kindergarten – 4th grade. For more information and to register, go to fellowshipconway.org/register. Dates for VBS are June 24-28. Cost is \$5 per child.

Fellowship 101

We invite you to join us on Sunday, June 9, at 9:00 a.m. to learn more about Fellowship. This is a great opportunity to hear about our mission, values, and our ministries. If you're new to Fellowship, join us in the conference room (first floor) to hear what God is doing and where He is taking us. During this time, you will meet some of our ministry leaders and get to ask questions. Register at fellowshipconway.org/register.

Life Choices Change For Life

Each year Life Choices, our local pregnancy resource center, assists hundreds of women in choosing Life for their baby. Join with them by picking up a baby bottle next Sunday, May 12 filling it with change (or checks made out to Life Choices) and returning them Sunday, June 2.

Women's Summer Study

Join us for “To the praise of His Glory,” a six-week study of Ephesians led by Heather Harrison. The study is Tuesdays, starting June 4th, from 6-8:00 p.m. here at Fellowship. For child care, text Shanna at 501-336-0332. Register at fellowshipconway.org/register.

Men's Smoke-Off | June 8, 5-8:00 p.m. | Fellowship Bible Church

Join us for fellowship, games, and to eat smoked meat. We'll also give a brief preview of what's upcoming in Men's Ministry over the next year. We are looking for 4-6 individuals or teams who have that special smoke and want to compete for the title of “King of Smoke” (we'll provide the meat) Register at fellowshipconway.org/register.