

Colossians Notes

Key Points Chapter by Chapter:

Chapter 1: Prayer and the Mystery of Christ

1. Paul's prayer & thanks for the believers vs 3-12
 - a. We see Paul's heart for these believers:
 1. Genuine Thanksgiving of faith and love unto hope.
 2. Desire for filling of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, to walk worthy, fruitfulness, & strengthened unto patience
2. Paul opens up how God has made us worthy vs 13-23
 - a. Deliverance from darkness and translation into Christ's kingdom!
 - b. Redemption through his blood (forgiveness of sins)!
 - c. Jesus Christ:
 1. The image of the invisible God.
 2. The Creator of all things in heaven and earth.
 3. The head of the body (church) to have preeminence in all things.
 4. Made peace through the blood of his cross to reconcile all things.
 - d. Reconciled to the Father through Christ's body.
 - e. We must continue in the faith and not be moved away from the gospel.
3. Paul's explains his sufferings and ministry vs 23-29
 - a. He rejoices in his sufferings for the body of Christ.
 - b. He is a minister of the mystery:
 1. Was hid from ages and generations past.
 2. Now revealed and to be made known to the Gentiles.
 3. The mystery is: Christ IN you (the hope of glory).
 4. He preaches this and warns every man.
 5. The goal is to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

Chapter 2: Paul's Great Conflict

1. The call to full assurance of understanding: vs 1-23
 - a. In Christ is hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge
 - b. Must continue in Christ the same way you received him (by faith).
 - c. In Christ dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
 - d. We are complete in HIM.
 - e. We are spiritually circumcised in HIM,
 - f. We are buried with him in BAPTISM (of the Spirit).
 - g. We are forgiven of all trespasses.
 - h. He blotted out the OT ordinances through his cross.
 - i. He spoiled principalities and powers.
 - j. He is the body and fulness of all the OT shadows and types.

2. The warning of people who will beguile vs 5,8,16-23
 - a. Using enticing words.
 - b. Spoiled through philosophy and vain deceit.
 - c. After the traditions of men or the rudiments of the world.
 - d. Will judge you after OT ordinances: meat, drink, holy days, new moons, sabbath days.
 - e. A voluntary humility and worshipping of angels.
 - f. Ordinances of "touch not" and "taste not" (neglecting the body).

Chapter 3: Putting off the old and putting on the new

1. Seeking things above vs 1-4
 - Where Christ is on the right hand of the Father; not on earth; he is our life.
2. Mortifying the earthly members vs 5-7
 - a. Fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, covetousness (idolatry). vs 8-9
 - b. These things bring the wrath of God on the children of disobedience.
3. Put off the old man:
 - Anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication, lying.
4. Put on the new man vs 10-14
 - a. Renewed in knowledge after the image of Christ
 - b. Neither Jew nor Greek, etc... but Christ is all and in all.
 - c. We are elect of God, holy and beloved.
 - d. Put on: bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering.
 - e. Forbear one another, forgive one another (as God forgave us).
 - f. Above all: CHARITY (the bond of perfectness)
5. Let peace and Christ's word dwell within vs 15-16
 - a. Peace to rule in our hearts and thankfulness.
 - b. Word of Christ to dwell in us richly: teaching, admonishing, and singing.
6. Doing all things unto the Lord Jesus vs 17-25
 - a. Wives submitting to husbands.
 - b. Husbands loving their wives.
 - c. Children obeying their parents.
 - d. Fathers not provoking their children to wrath.
 - e. Servants obeying masters
 1. Not with eye service as menpleasers.
 2. In singleness of heart, fearing God.
 3. Doing all things heartily to the Lord knowing that he will reward us.
 - f. Masters give to your servants what is just and equal. (4:1)

Chapter 4:

1. Continue in prayer vs 2-4
 - watchfulness, thanksgiving, praying for open doors for the gospel.
2. Walk in wisdom vs 5-6
 - Towards the lost; redeem the time; let speech be grace with salt.
3. Declarations and Salutations vs 7-18