

COMPREHENSIVE QUESTIONS  
ON THE BOOK OF  
COLOSSIANS

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# MEMORY VERSES FOR COLOSSIANS

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# COMPREHENSIVE QUESTIONS ON THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

Paul wrote this letter to the Colossians about 63 AD, while he was a prisoner in Rome.

## CHAPTER ONE

1. How does the writer identify himself?
2. Who joined with Paul in sending the letter?
3. To whom is the letter addressed?
4. What two blessings does Paul call upon them from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ?
5. What did Paul indicate he was doing continually for the saints in Colosse?
6. Paul said he had heard what two things about the Colossians?
7. Tell what Paul was speaking about when he said, "Of which you heard before" and discuss it. (Rom. 8:24-25)
8. Paul said the truth of the gospel had gone into all the world and was doing what?
9. Who did Paul say was his fellow servant and a faithful servant on behalf of the Colossians?
10. What had Epaphras declared to Paul?
11. What was Paul's specific prayer for the Colossians?
12. List four things Paul admonishes the Colossians to do (1:10).
13. Comment on being strengthened for patience and longsuffering.
14. How did God qualify us "to be partakers of the (eternal) inheritance of the saints in the light"?

15. To what does the power of darkness refer?
16. How does Col. 1:13 show Christ's kingdom existed in the first century?
17. How is the kingdom described.
18. Discuss the redemption in Christ through His blood (Heb. 9:22; I Peter 1:18-19).
19. What is meant by "He is the image of the invisible God"? (cf. Heb. 1:3)
20. When was Christ exalted as "first born over all creation"? (See I Peter 3:28; Eph. 1:18-23; Acts 2:30-36; I Cor. 15:25-26).
21. Discuss Christ as Creator.
22. What is meant by:
  - (1) He is before all things.
  - (2) In Him all things consist.
23. The glorious thing is that Christ, the creator of all, is the head of what?
24. Since the body is the church and there is only one body (Eph. 4:4) what must we affirm with all diligence?
25. What is the significance of Jesus being the first born from the dead?
26. How could all the fullness of God dwell in Christ?
27. Discuss the reason that man is alienated from God and in his mind is the enemy of God (Col. 1:21; Eph. 2:1-3).
28. Discuss the reconciliation of man to God. (Col. 1:20-22; Rom. 5:8, 10; 6:3-4)

29. Give the three words used to describe the sinner who is reconciled to God through the death of Christ.
30. What two things does Paul say in 1:23 that tells us the reconciled sinner must live up to the gospel's standard?
31. Give two references in Colossians chapter one that state the gospel had been proclaimed world wide.
32. How could Paul say that he by his sufferings filled up in his flesh what was lacking in the afflictions of Christ? (II Tim. 2:3; 4:5)
33. What affirmation does Paul reveal in 1:24 that is found in 1:18 and Eph. 1:22-23?
34. Paul said he became a minister (servant) of the church through what from God?
35. What is the mystery of God? (See I Peter 1:10-12; Eph. 3:1-6)
36. What was "the riches of the glory of this mystery" which Paul revealed in Col. 1:27?
37. Why did Paul say in preaching Christ he warned and taught every man in all wisdom?
38. Comment on Paul's statement about the manner that God worked in him. (cf. Jeremiah 20:9; Amos 3:8)

## **CHAPTER TWO**

39. For what other church did Paul indicate his concern?
40. Paul said he wanted them to have the full assurance of understanding the mystery of Christ; how had he told the Ephesians they could understand that mystery? (Eph. 3:3-4)
41. Briefly discuss "the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" hidden in Christ.

42. Discuss the expression “lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words.”
43. What two things about the Colossians caused Paul to rejoice in spirit?
44. Those who have received Christ are to walk in Him; what does this mean?
45. Briefly discuss what it means to be:
  - (1) Rooted in Christ:
  - (2) Built up in Him:
  - (3) Established in the faith:
46. Discuss the urgency of Paul’s point “as you have been taught.” (Jer. 31:31-32; John 6:44-45; Rom. 10:14, 17; Mark 16:15; I Pet. 1:22-25)
47. Explain the need to do all with thanksgiving.
48. Paul said “beware lest anyone cheat you through what two things?”
49. Using the following points give examples of things that would cheat us of our salvation:
  - (1) Philosophy
  - (2) Empty deceit
  - (3) Traditions of men
  - (4) Basic principles of the world (cf. Eph. 2:1-2; I John 2:15-17)
50. Discuss the powerful lesson of Col. 2:9.
51. How can we be complete in Christ? (cf. II Peter 1:3-4).
52. Discuss Christ as “the head of all principality and power.”
53. Explain how Christians are the true “circumcised.”

54. Discuss how our baptism follows the pattern of those three things that are the heart of the gospel. (I Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 6:34, 17)
55. Discuss the “first resurrection” (cf. Rev. 20:5) in light of John 5:25; Col. 2:12-13 and Eph. 2:1, 5-6.
56. Explain when and how “the handwriting of requirements” were blotted or wiped out.”
57. Explain the triumph by Christ over “principalities and powers” through the cross.
58. Since “the law of commandments” (Eph. 2:15) or hand written requirements (Col. 2:14) were blotted out at the cross no one can now call a person into judgement about what things? (Gal. 2:16)
59. Laws concerning cleanliness of food and drink (Acts 10:13-14), Jewish festivals (Lev. 23:5; 15-16, 27), new moon feasts (II Chr. 8:13) and the keeping of sabbath days (Lev. 23:37-38) were what to the religion of Christ?
60. What kind of humility can defraud another?
61. Why is it wrong to worship angels?
62. Give some examples of people being vainly puffed up because of their fleshly mind.
63. What does it mean to hold “fast to the Head”?
64. Explain the figurative use of “knit together by joints and ligaments” in reference to Christ’s body, the church.
65. How does one die with Christ? (cf. Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30-31; II Pet. 3:9; Rom. 6:2; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:3)

66. What are some basic principles or rules of the world to which Christians died or were freed when they came into Christ (Col. 2:8, 16; Matt. 15:9)?
67. How should Christians react to human rules and traditions?
68. Explain Col. 2:22 (cf. Matt. 15:13).
69. Discuss how the three worldly “spiritual” rules named by Paul have an *appearance* of wisdom.
  - (1) Self-imposed religion
  - (2) “humility”
  - (3) neglect of the body
70. Why are things like “self-imposed religion,” feigned “humility” and “neglect of the body” (asceticism) of no value against the indulgence of the flesh?

### **CHAPTER THREE**

71. What does Paul mean when he indicates that those raised with Christ should seek those things which are above? (Col. 3:1,3)
72. What is the significance of saying “Christ is sitting at the right hand of God”?
73. When and to what did we die in our journey to Christ?
74. Discuss “your life is hidden with Christ in God.”
75. How can it be said, Christ is our life?
76. Describe what is to happen to the saints when Christ appears.
77. Death means separation (cf. James 2:26) therefore death to sin means what?

78. Since we died to sin through repentance when we came to Christ what are five sins Paul says must be put to death?
79. Give a brief definition of:
- (1) fornication
  - (2) uncleanness
  - (3) passion
  - (4) evil desire
  - (5) covetousness
80. Explain how covetousness (greed) is idolatry.
81. What does Paul warn about in Col. 3:6?
82. According to Col. 3:7, people can not only walk in sin but they can also do what?
83. In Col. 3:8 Paul pictures five sins that one must put off like dirty clothes in coming to Christ; what are they?
84. Why does Paul specifically say saints should not lie to one another?
85. Give two reasons why it is so wrong for the child of God to lie (See Psalm 101:7; Revelation 21:8).
86. What does Paul refer to when he speaks of putting off the old man with his deeds and putting on the new man?
87. How is the new man (new person in Christ) renewed day by day? (See also I Pet. 2:1-2)
88. What does Paul mean the new person in Christ is renewed according to the image of Him who created him? (See also II Cor. 3:18)

89. Give a very brief explanation of each:
- (1) Greek
  - (2) Jew
  - (3) Circumcised
  - (4) Uncircumcised
  - (5) Barbarian
  - (6) Scythian
  - (7) Slave
  - (8) Free
90. What is Paul's point when he names eight such groups and then says, "Christ is all and in all"? (See also Gal. 3:28-29)
91. Name five things Paul pictures a Christian should put on like new clothes.
92. Give a synonym or brief definition:
- (1) tender mercies
  - (2) kindness
  - (3) humbleness of mind
  - (4) meekness
  - (5) long suffering
93. What does Paul mean "elect of God"?
94. What two things does Paul say we should do toward one another in Col. 3:13?
95. As Christ forgave us what must we do?
96. Discuss why Paul would say, "above all these things put on love."

97. Discuss the peace of God (See John 14:27) which is to rule our hearts.
98. What does Paul mean “you were called in one body”?
99. What does the apostle mean “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom”?
100. According to Col. 3:17, what should we use in teaching and admonishing one another?
101. What does it mean to do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ?
102. Why does Paul say we should give thanks to God through Christ?
103. Explain the significance of Paul saying the wife’s submission to her husband is fitting in the Lord.
104. Why would Paul say to the husband, love your wives and do not be bitter against them?
105. Why does Paul say children should obey their parents?
106. What are some ways a father could provoke his children?
107. What is meant by not with eye-service as men-pleasers?
108. Why should a worker serve his overseer “in sincerity of heart, fearing God”? (See also Eph. 6:6-7)
109. Whatever work a Christian does he should do it in what manner?
110. According to Col. 3:24 what is the basic reason a Christian should do his work or job heartily?
111. Discuss the reason Paul says in Col. 3:25 there is no partiality?

## CHAPTER FOUR

112. How did Paul seek to regulate the master-servant position in Col. 4:1?
113. Would the rule (Col. 4:1) apply in a society where there is the owner-employee relationship? Explain.
114. What is the double requirement concerning prayer in Col. 4:2 and with what?
115. What special request did Paul make for himself?
116. What did Paul mean to speak the mystery of Christ?
117. What was the basic reason Paul had been arrested and was in chains?
118. About what was Paul speaking when he said “that I may make it manifest as I ought to speak”?
119. Explain some ways we should walk in wisdom toward those without the faith? (cf. Rom. 12:17; II Cor. 8:21; I Tim. 3:7)
120. What is meant by “redeeming the time”?
121. Comment on each of the following:
  - (1) Let your speech always be with grace.
  - (2) Let your speech be seasoned with salt.
  - (3) Know how to answer each person.
122. Whom did Paul say would tell the saints in Colosse all the news about Paul’s condition?
123. Paul indicated he was sending Tychicus to tell them about himself for what other two reasons?
124. Tell who was to accompany Tychicus.

125. Who was the fellow prisoner of Paul in Rome that sent his greetings to the saints in Colosse?
126. Whom does Paul commend in Col. 4:10 that had greatly disappointed Paul years before? (cf. Acts 13:13; 15:37-38)
127. Paul said Tychicus, Onesimus, Aristarchus and Mark were his fellow workers for what?
128. Paul said these brothers had proved to be what to him?
129. What two things did Paul say Epaphras did for the saints in Colosse?
130. What was Epaphras' prayer for Colosse, which was his home congregation?
131. What three congregations did Paul say Epaphras had a great zeal for?
132. Identify Luke.
133. Tell some things about Demas.
134. Paul asked the Colossian saints to greet the brethren in which city and the church in whose house?
135. Which other congregation did Paul say should read his letter to the Colossians?
136. Which other letter were the Colossians to read?
137. Whom did Paul admonish to take heed to his ministry and to fulfill it?
138. How did Paul make his salutation?
139. What did Paul ask the Colossians to remember as he closed the letter?
140. What is Paul's final closing blessing which he makes in all his letters?