



Colossians

Bible Study Notes

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Lesson 1

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“An Overview of Colossians”

True or False? Circle your answer:

T/F 1. Christians have their own power to endure all things.

T/F 2. Through repentance, we are qualified to the inheritance God has provided.

T/F 3. Forgiveness of sins is the same as redemption.

T/F 4. Christ was literally the first one born in creation.

T/F 5. Christ is able to present us (believers) as blameless to God.

T/F 6. The hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge in Christ are the way in which we are protected from being deluded by false teaching.

T/F 7. You must continue to submit to the ceremonial laws and traditions in order to make your flesh obey Christ.

T/F 8. Our primary focus should be on eternal matters.

T/F 9. You only have to forgive those who ask for your forgiveness.

T/F 10. Our jobs are just work to be done to pay the bills so we can get on with the eternal matters.

T/F 11. Christians should have a non-malicious answer for the questions of the non-believers.

T/F 12. Saying “Aristarchus” “Hierapolis” and “Laodicea” 3 times, really fast, is not only difficult, it can also be entertaining for those around you.

ANSWERS:

T/F 1. Christians have their own power to endure all things.

FALSE: Colossians 1:11. We are strengthened with Christ's power, according to His might, for all patience and endurance, with joy even!!

T/F 2. Through repentance, we are qualified to the inheritance God has provided.

FALSE: Colossians 1:12 We are not qualified for the inheritance God has provided. It is only through God's grace that He has qualified us to share the inheritance, not because we are worthy, but because He is gracious.

T/F 3. Forgiveness of sins is the same as redemption.

FALSE: Colossians 1:14 Forgiveness of sins was part of the work that Christ did on our behalf, offering Himself in our place to appease the wrath of God. Redemption is the act of "buying" us with His sacrifice, taking us out of our bondage to sin and death, and making us His own, freeing us from the guilt of our transgressions. Not only are we forgiven, but we have no restitution to be paid for our sins, as Christ has already paid that for us.

T/F 4. Christ was literally the first one born in creation.

FALSE: Colossians 1:15 and following. The word "firstborn" here is used not to indicate a physical process, but a legal state. Christ is the firstborn, the supreme heir, the "First Son" who receives a double portion of the estate; we are co-heirs with Him. Yet, all things were created by Him and through Him; Christ is not a created being.

T/F 5. Christ is able to present us (believers) as blameless to God.

TRUE: Colossians 1:22. We can't do it on our own...but He can!

T/F 6. The hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge in Christ are one way in which we are protected from being deluded by false teaching.

TRUE: Colossians 2:2-4. In Christ are the hidden treasures of true wisdom and knowledge, and our full assurance and understanding of our salvation. It is only through knowing Christ and through the wisdom God gives through His Word and the Holy Spirit opening our spiritually dead eyes that we are able to see the truth and not fall for false teaching.

T/F 7. You must continue to submit to the ceremonial laws and traditions in order to make your flesh obey Christ.

FALSE: Colossians 2:20-23. These things have no value in stopping the indulgence of the sinful flesh. Only a changed heart (Ezekiel 36:26) can move us to true repentance in Christ.

T/F 8. Our primary focus should be on eternal matters.

TRUE: Colossians 3:1-4. If we are part of Christ, we have died to ourselves and live for Him. This means that our primary goal in life should be for His glory, not our own. If we truly have a mindset that is “heavenly” we will be of immense “earthly good” because we will continue to love and serve others with the truth of the Gospel, pointing them with compassion to the things of eternal value.

T/F 9. You only have to forgive those who ask for your forgiveness.

FALSE: Colossians 3:13. We are called to forgive. Period.

T/F 10. Our jobs are just work to be done to pay the bills so we can get on with the eternal matters.

FALSE: Colossians 3:23-24. Whatever work we do, our attitude should be of those serving Christ, whether our masters are just or not.

T/F 11. Christians should have a non-malicious answer for the questions of the non believers.

TRUE: Colossians 4:5-6. We must make the best use of the time we have in the world, and that means sharing the Gospel all the time. Our words and tone, however, should not be intended to aggravate, but we should strive to be gracious to others, not seeking to be quarrelsome people.

T/F 12. Saying “Aristarchus” “Hierapolis” and “Laodicea” 3 times, really fast, is not only difficult, it can also be entertaining for those around you.

TRUE: Ask my children.