

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Colossians 1:13-14**General & Personal Letters 8-1**

For he has rescued us from the dominion
of darkness and brought us into the kingdom
of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption,
the forgiveness of sins.

"THE INCOMPARABLE CHRIST"
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DAY 1 READ Colossians 1:1-2:23

1. Share something significant to you from last week's lesson.
2. The Colossian Christians were facing what pressures from these groups in chapter 2?
 - a. Greek philosophy (2:8)
 - b. Jewish legalism (2:16)
 - c. Mysticism (2:18)

DAY 2 REVIEW Colossians 1:1-8

3. Paul addressed the Colossians as _____ and _____ brothers and was thankful for what spiritual evidences in verse 4?
4. What is the "hope stored up for you in heaven" according to these Scriptures . . .
 - a. Titus 2:13
 - b. 1 Peter 1:3-4
5. a. How was the gospel described in Colossians 1:5?
b. (IN-DEPTH) Briefly write what you know to be the content of the Christian gospel.
6. a. What had the gospel been doing in the world and in the Colossian Christians?
b. Share one way you have seen that same result in yourself.
7. The Colossians had understood the grace of God in all its truth. In your opinion, why is that important?
8. Who was Paul's liaison with the Colossian church?

DAY 3 REVIEW Colossians 1:9-14

9. a. From verse 9, what was Paul's prayer priority for the Colossians?
- b. What are we told in James 1:5?
- c. How would you describe or illustrate the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
10. Paul prayed for their knowledge of God's will to bring about what in their lives?
11. For what did the Father qualify us?
12. a. God rescued us from what?
 b. Being brought into the kingdom of His Son means what for us?

DAY 4 REVIEW Colossians 1:15-29

13. What was Christ's relationship to the Father?
 - . . . to creation?
 - . . . to the church?
14. a. How was reconciliation achieved?
 b. How does God see us as a result?
 c. Share a thought on how that makes you feel.
15. a. Jewish legalism plagued the Colossians as it did the Galatians. Paul admonished the Colossians to do what in verse 23?
 b. What had he warned about legalism in Galatians 5:4?
16. What was the mystery which Paul revealed?
17. What was Paul's goal in verse 28?

DAY 5 REVIEW Colossians 2:1-23

18. Paul wrote to encourage and unite these Christians that they might have/attain what?

19. a. In what way was Paul concerned the Colossians would be deceived in verse 8?

b. Name some deceptive ideas prevalent in our society today that could jeopardize the quality and/or stability of someone's faith.

20. Fill in: "For in Christ all _____ lives in _____."

21. a. In verses 10-15 identify what Christians enjoy as they are in Christ.

b. Read Romans 8:35-39 aloud and offer a prayer of thanks!

22. What was Paul's question in Colossians 2:20-21?

23. The "appearance" of wisdom is seen in:
a.) _____
c.) _____ but they lack _____.

24. How do you balance the freedom of grace with the principle of responsibility?
Please share.

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore since we are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses . . ."
Selina Hastings 1707-1791