

COLOSSIANS Ch 1

REFLECT (on the Text / Re-Read)

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Key Verse / Why? _____

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DISCUSSION (what can we learn / observe together)

Consider Paul’s prayer in vv 9-14. Note what the life of the believer should be characterized by. What does this mean to you? Note the consistency of the message with what we’ve seen in Galatians through Philippians (e.g., “the worthy walk). What should the continued emphasis indicate?

As Christians we’re encouraged to make Jesus the Lord of our lives. Another way we could express this is putting Jesus FIRST. Note in vv 15-22 Jesus’ first place qualifications:

In vv21-22, note the completeness of the change in our spiritual position that Jesus has made possible. Express in your own words what it means to now be presented before God the Father as “holy, blameless and beyond reproach.”

In Ephesians ch3 we saw an expanded description of “the mystery.” Here in Col 1:27, there is a summary statement, “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Describe in your own words what this means.

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Paul’s concern here is with the teaching of those who imply that what Jesus did was not enough for our salvation. Paul answers this with the “in Him” and “with Him” statements in vv6-14:

In v17, Paul wants us to contrast the “substance “ with the “shadow.” We could regard vv6-14 as describing the “substance.” Note the details that vv16-23 provide about the shadow:

Take another look at v23 and reflect on Paul’s observation that “shadow religious behavior or acts” has no value against fleshly indulgence.” Why do we tend to lack success in combating the temptations of the world?

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In ch3 we have more detail on the “worthy walk (life).” Consider in vv5-11 the reminder of the “things of earth our lives are no longer to be characterized by:

In vv12-17, “the things above” that we are to set our minds on (vv1-2) are described in greater detail. When you go shopping for clothes, there are certain preferences / criteria that you regard. As you consider these verses think about how you as a believer should be dressed or what the world should see as they look at you:

vv 18-24 describe relational conduct. What challenges do you see personally?

COLOSSIANS Ch 4

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The chapter presents some good principles to keep in mind to be prepared and ready to share our faith in Jesus with others:

V2 Prayer – “devote yourselves to it: _____

V3 Open a Door (their heart / our mouths) _____

V4 Make it Clear _____

V5 Wise Conduct to make the Most of the Opportunity _____

V6 Gracious Speech _____

V17 think about Paul’s admonition to Archippus – what personal application can you make? _____

