

Colossians -8

I. Introduction 1:1-8

- A. Apostolic greeting 1:1-2
- B. Apostolic thanks 1:3-8

II. Christological doctrine 1:9-2:3

- A. Preparation 1:9-13
  - 1. A prayer 1:9 ff
  - 2. The father's work 1:13 \*\*\*\*\*
- B. The Blessing of the Son 1:14
- C. The Person of the Son 1:15-20
- D. The Work of the Son 1:21-23a
- E. The Ministry of the Son 1:23b-2:3

III. Polemical dissertation 2:4-23

Three warnings..each calling the worshipper to be centered on the Son, not the teachings of men otherwise.

IV. Practical godliness 3:1-4:6

- A. Positional truth 3:1-4
- B. Maturing spiritually 3:5-17
- C. Maintaining order and witness 3:18-4:6

V. Personal affairs, Conclusion 4:7-18

- A. Communication 4:7-9
- B. Personal greetings 4:10-15
- C. Final Instructions 4:16-18

Outlines generally do not please everyone and that is why they are not objects of revelation. You can revise, correct, or edit as you will but you can see that the general breakdown of material is what we will follow in class.

C. The relation of the Colossian letter to the other epistles

1. Note the particular emphasis of each of the Christological epistles and see how they make a theological whole on the doctrines of the Person of Christ.
2. And note the emphasis on Laodicaea and remember the Ephesian address problem.

D. Summary and note on Importance