

Midweek Studies in Colossians
Grace Gospel Chapel

Spring, 1987

I. Some introductory thoughts:

A. Background materials

B. Analysis of the book:

Theme: You are Complete in Him (2:10)

Basis: Christ is our Knowledge...the head of the Church

Grounds: Apparently some false teachers had given the believers difficulty with the claims that there was a superior knowledge outside Christ..one that was needed to make life full.

C. Outline:

1. Introduction 1:1-12 (Greeting)

- a. Apostolic greeting 1:1-2
- b. Apostolic thanks 1:3-8
- c. Apostolic prayer 1:9-12

2. Christology 1:13-2:3 (Doctrinal)

- a. Work of the Father 1:13
- b. Blessing of the Son 1:14
- c. Person of the Son 1:15-20
- d. Work of the Son 1:20-23a
- e. Ministry of the Son 1:23b-2:3

3. Practical godliness 2:4-4:6 (Practical)

- a. Necessary warnings 2:4-23
- b. Maturing Spiritually 3:1-17
- c. Order and Testimony 3:18-4:6

4. Conclusion 4:7-18 (Personal)

- a. Communication of affairs 4:7-9
- b. Personal greetings 4:10-15
- c. Final instructions 4:16-18

D. Our study

With the background in view, the concept is to see Paul's concern for the Colossi church, his doctrinal advice and exhortation as well as his prayerful wish for the success of the testimony on all sides. We will attempt to study it section by section and with some effort keep our wandering to a minimum!

The context!
2:4-23

Practical
2:4-23