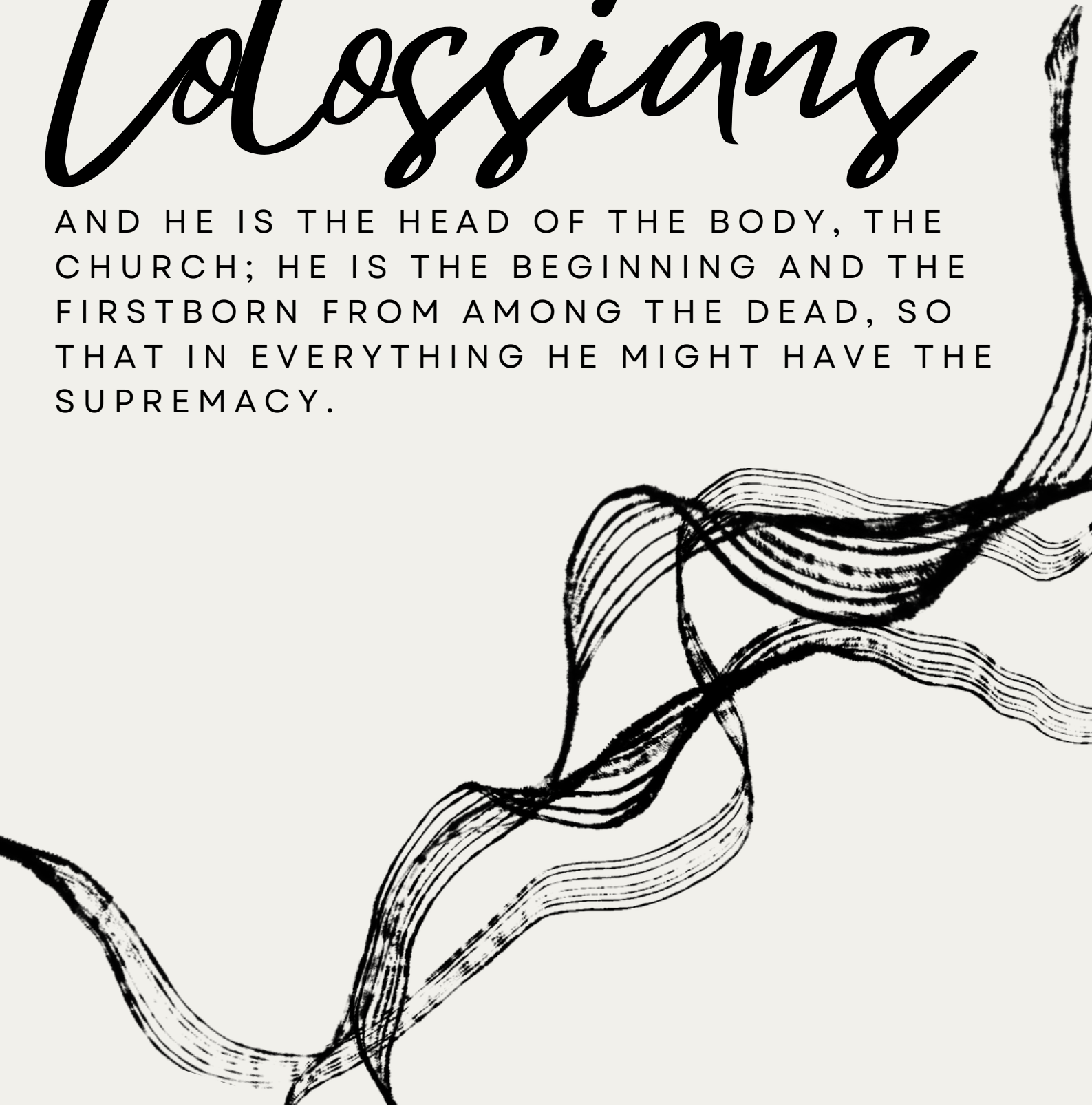




Door of Hope
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Colossians

AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH; HE IS THE BEGINNING AND THE FIRSTBORN FROM AMONG THE DEAD, SO THAT IN EVERYTHING HE MIGHT HAVE THE SUPREMACY.



All about Jesus

STUDY ONE



Who wrote this epistle (letter) and to whom?

See Colossians 1:1,2

From the same verse you will find out to whom he wrote it.

There's also a description about this church. They were faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. (Saints.) They were renowned for their faith, love and hope.

See Colossians 1:4,5

ASK

If a newcomer came to your Connect Group, how would they describe your group and the people in it?

The main theme of the book: Jesus is all that matters.

As chapter 3: 11 says, "Christ is All and in All". It doesn't matter what nationality you are, what ethnic group you are, how you practice your religion, what you think, what your opinions are, whether you are an employee or an employer, whether you are male or female, rich or poor, it does not matter. The only thing that matters is Jesus - who is The Christ.

DISCUSS + LEARN

What does the title "The Christ" mean?

Tip- Watch The Bible Project's video on the Messiah. (scan the QR code)



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READ

Colossians Chapter 1

NOTICE

- *Paul's prayer of thanksgiving*
- *Why Paul prays*
- *Our rescue story*

Verse 13

For He rescued us from the dominion of darkness and bought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves.

Verse 14

In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

SHARE

Maybe someone can briefly share their rescue story?

*The Exalted
Messiah*

READ

Colossians 1:15-20

LEARN

- *How do these verses describe Jesus?*
- *Take time to discover the descriptions of Jesus*
- *Which one brings new meaning to you?*

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THE BACKGROUND FOR THESE VERSES IN COLOSSIANS IS FOUND IN...

Genesis 1, Psalm 2, Psalm 8, Psalm 68, Exodus 40 and Proverbs 8

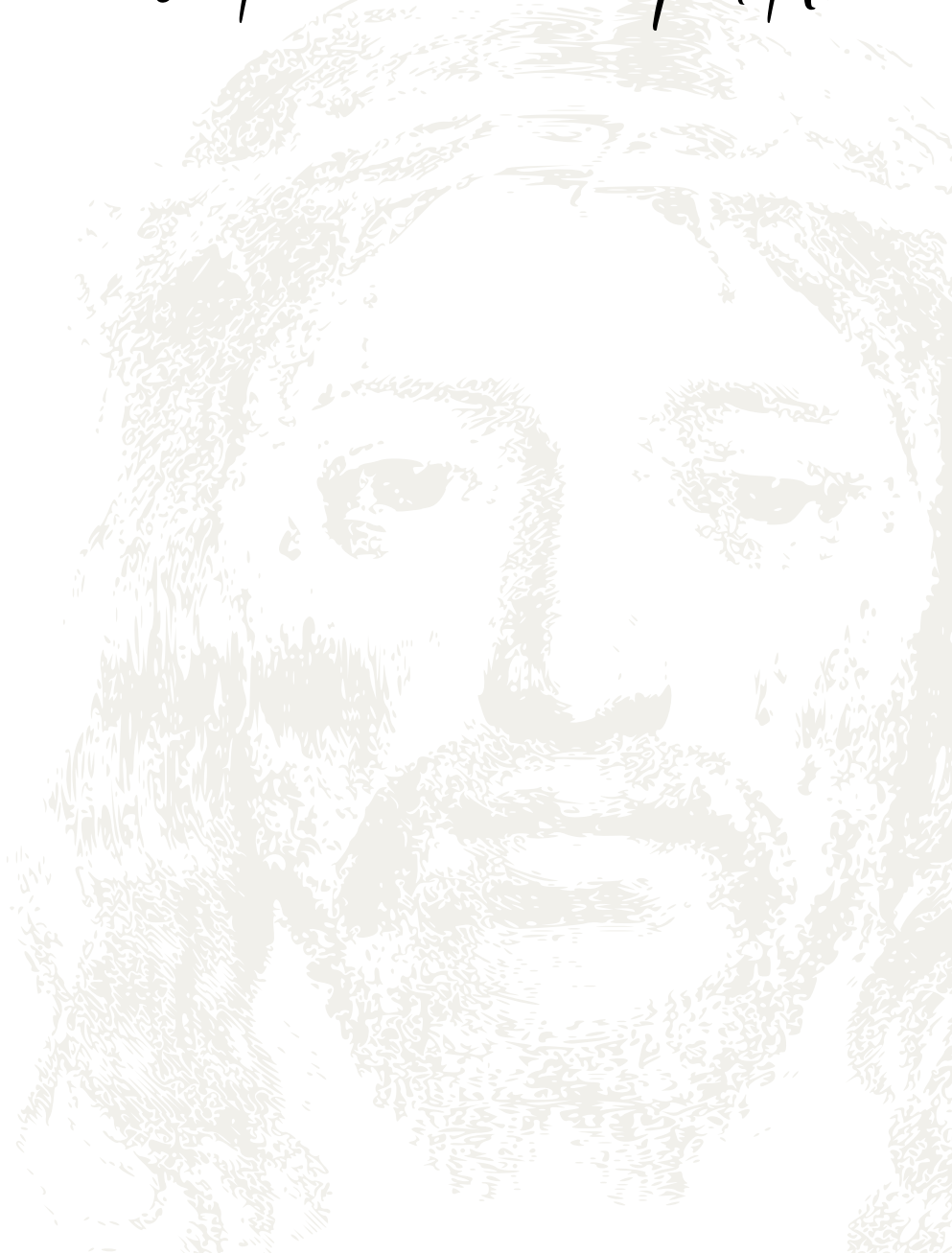
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Colossians 1:21-23

These verses explain the power of The Gospel in our lives. What has The Gospel done for us?

ASK > *How can we continue in our Faith?*

Notes



Paul, us, and the difference Christ makes in our lives

STUDY TWO



READ

- Colossians 1:24-27
- Colossians 1:28-29
- Colossians 2:1-3

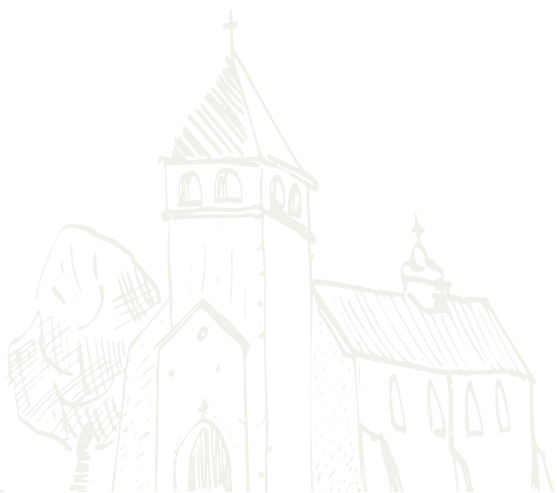
DISCUSS

- After reading this, how would you describe Paul's passion?
- How have we benefited from his passion?
- What is Paul's desire for us?
- Again, look at our relationship with Christ.

NOTICE

- What are the warnings from Paul and Timothy?

*In Him lie hidden
all the treasures of
wisdom and knowledge*



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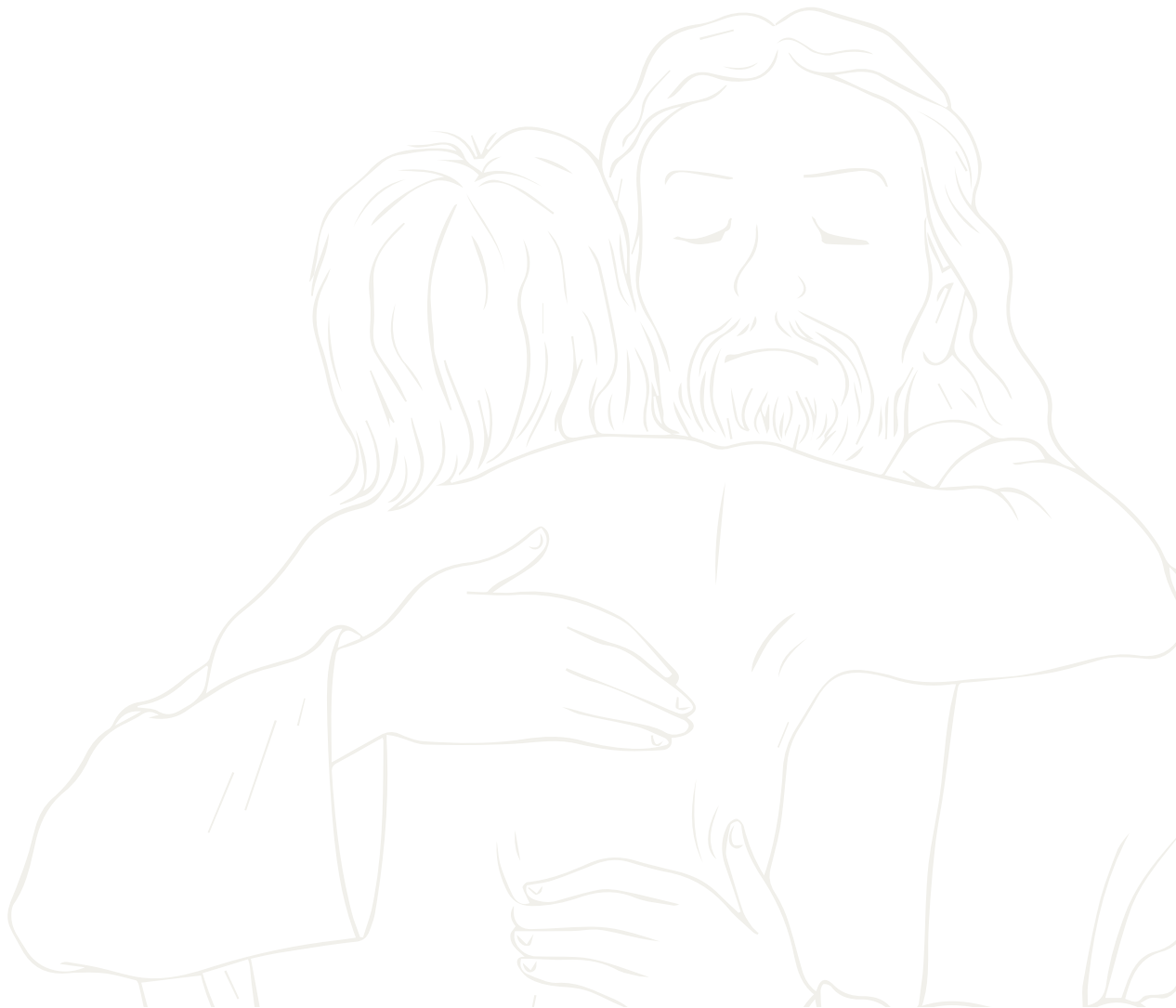
READ AND COMMENT ON EACH SECTION

- *Colossians 2:8-10*
- *Colossians 2:11-12*
- *Colossians 2:13-15*
- *Colossians 2:16-19*
- *Colossians 2:20-23*

DISCUSS

Who am I? What does it mean to be complete in Jesus?

Notes



*Spiritual practices we are invited to
participate in
- this is our spiritual gym*

STUDY THREE



If we want to continue to live our lives in Christ, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, full of gratefulness and kindness, then we need to take seriously chapter 3. This will help us become more like and live out our salvation in a way that transforms us, more and more into the likeness of Christ, so that we can be **salt** and **light** in this world.

READ

Colossians Chapter 3

STUDY

*Study the chapter and look at all the commands. Notice words like **seek, put to death, clothe etc.***

There's quite a collection. Have fun finding them all and determine to practice at least one of these this week.



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LIST ALL THE COMMANDS

PONDER

- *If I really believed I was in Christ- my life hidden with Christ in God- How would I live?*
- *What role does gratefulness play in your life?*

Notes



Relationships

STUDY FOUR



When you read these verses think back into the days when men owned property - property included women, slaves and children.

IMAGINE

Where you would fit in that society today?

READ

Genesis 1, Genesis 2.

DISCUSS

How did sin entering the world change how He intended us to be?

The God story down through the ages sits in human culture and sin which is far away from God's desire- not just in the Old Testament stories but also in our own stories and our own culture. The beautiful reality about our God is that the Spirit is always at work, then and now, inviting us to live beyond cultural norms and to live the Kingdom values taught and lived out by Jesus.

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Paul got it- despite the antagonism and reality of Greek/Jewish/Roman culture. Let us get it. We are all transferred into God's Kingdom, where according to Chapter 3:3

There is no Greek or Jew,
circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian,
Scythian, slave or free, (The Creator). Is in all."

READ

*These verses in context again, Colossians 3:9-11
This is important when we read 3:18-4:1*

DISCUSS

The implications of these verses- all of them- in the context of your very ordinary, everyday life. (Exchange 'master' and 'slave' to 'boss' and 'employee')

READ

*Colossians chapter 4
Take note of all the people in Paul's life. How does this encourage us to live in community?*

CONSIDER

*When is a child most likely to rebel against the parents?
When is the boss more likely to get the best out of an employee?
When would be appropriate for a wife to NOT submit to her husband?*



Continuing the study

BEYOND THE GROUP

LEARN

From the prayers in this book.

NOTICE

How Paul honours others

KEEP

Being delighted about who Jesus is

