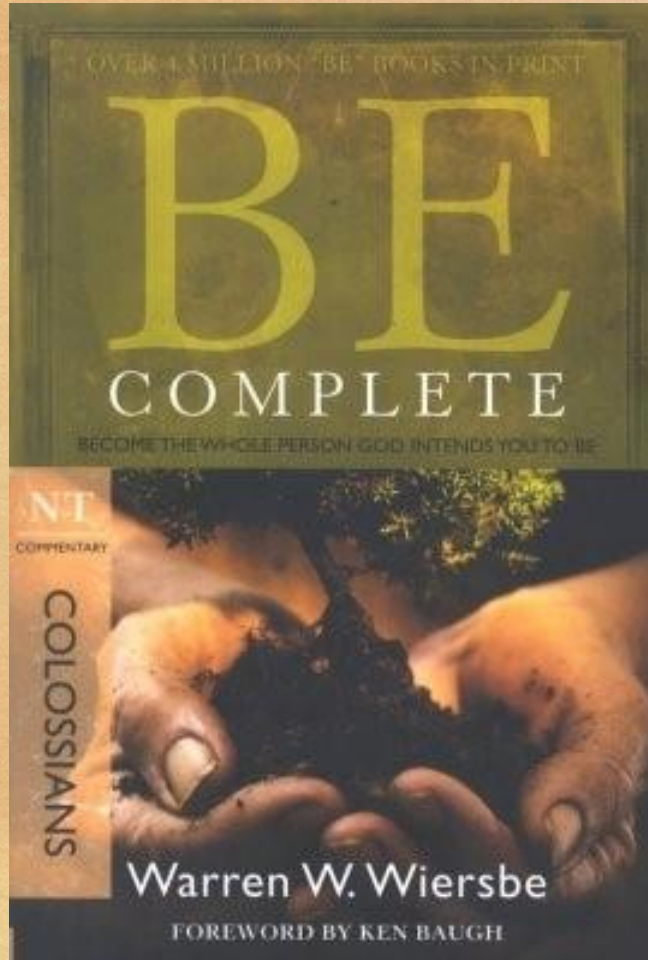


# GREATER PLEASANT BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Bible Study – Fall 2024 – Winter 2025



## Complete in Christ

“And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power:” – Col. 2:10

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# SIX STEP MEDITATION GUIDE FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

## **Meditation (on scripture):**

Meditation on scripture is one of the spiritual disciplines that is key to believers becoming complete in Christ. You are encouraged to utilize the meditation guide as we study the book of Colossians.



- 1 READ
- 2 REVIEW
- 3 REWRITE
- 4 RECAP
- 5 RELATIONSHIP
- 6 REFLECTION





# **Introduction**



**KEY DOCTRINES IN THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS**

**CHRIST'S PREEMINENCE DECLARED, DEFINED  
AND DEMONSTRATED**



# Ten Things to know about Colossians

1. The Apostle Paul identifies himself as the author of Colossians. (Col. 1:1; 4:18)
2. Epaphras likely planted the church at Colossae after bringing the gospel he heard under Paul in Ephesus (Acts 19:10) back to his home city. (Col. 1:7; 4:12)
3. Paul writes the letter from a Roman prison around 60-62 AD (Col. 4:16)
4. Colossae was a small but diverse city in Rome's Asia province, which corresponds to modern-day Turkey.
5. The Colossians were immersed in a cultural environment full of pluralism and syncretism. Most people borrowed bits and pieces from the religious and philosophical ideas of the day.
6. Throughout the book Paul hints at a "Colossian heresy." However, he focuses on Christ-centered, correct teaching rather than the content of the false teaching.
7. Whatever this false teaching is, it is "not according to Christ" (2:8), and it undermines the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus.
8. John Calvin summarizes Colossians as follows: "this Epistle...to express it in one word, distinguishes the true Christ from a fictitious one."
9. Like other Pauline letters, the first half of this book builds a rich theology that the second half exhorts us to live out the truths that have been established.
10. Ephesians and Colossians are companion books, written around the same time, that have a lot of overlap and often help explain one another.




**SOUND  
DOCTRINE** → **FALSE  
TEACHING**



“Unfortunately, sin quickly entered the picture and ruined everything, seemingly halting the purpose of God through His people” (Gen. 3).







# GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

- I. The Gospel – Col. 1:1-8
- II. Paul's Prayer for the Colossians – Col. 1:9-14
- III. The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ – Col. 1:15-23
- IV. Maturing in Jesus – Col. 1:24 - 2:5
- V. The Fullness of Christ – Col. 2:6-15
- VI. The Believers Life in Christ – Col. 2:16 – 3:4
- VII. Renewed in the Image of Christ – Col. 3:5-17
- VIII. The Lordship of Christ – Col. 3:18 – 4:6
- IX. The Colossian Church: A Community of Believers – Col. 4:7-18

