

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

COMPLETE IN CHRIST: INTRODUCTION TO COLOSSIANS

Colossians 1:1-2

Main Thought: As we prepare to study the book of Colossians, we need to become familiar with several facts.

1. THE _____ - Colossae

- 1) A city in _____ (modern day Turkey)
- 2) On road from Ephesus to _____
- 3) _____ Hierapolis and Laodicea
- 4) Church _____ there by Epaphras

2. THE _____

- 1) Paul
- 2) Timothy
- 3) Epaphras
- 4) The Colossian _____

3. THE _____

- 1) False _____ were telling the people that their faith in Christ was incomplete.
- 2) The false teaching _____: man-made religious rules, angel worship, and secret knowledge.

4. THE _____ (Col. 2:9-10)

- 1) Jesus is _____ over everything.
- 2) His _____ is all we need to save us from our sins.
- 3) We are free from _____ religious rules.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. In prayer ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and reveal God's truth to you as you read the entire book of Colossians.

2. What do you learn about Jesus from this book?

3. What do you learn about human beings and yourself from this book?

4. Is there anything you didn't understand in the book? Were you able to find an answer for your question(s)? If so, what did you discover?

5. What are some of the false teachings mentioned in the book?

6. What are some false teachings we need to be aware of in our day?

7. What were some of the most meaningful verses to you? Why?

8. What lessons do you learn from this book and how will you apply them to your life this week?