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## QUESTIONS

All questions are based of the New King James version of the Bible.

### **DAY ONE: Read all notes and references.**

1. Why is Paul's letter to the Colossians important for Christians today?
  
2. What is the theme of Colossians?

### **DAY TWO: Read Colossians 1:1-8. [\[Open NKJV\]](#) [\[Open NIV\]](#)**

3. a. How does the writer of Colossians introduce himself?  
  
b. How does he address the recipients of the letter?  
  
c. What does this tell you about the Colossians?
4. a. Why does Paul give thanks for the Colossians?  
  
b. What enabled the Colossians to display these characteristics in their lives?
5. a. What had the Colossians come to know (or understand) when they heard the gospel? (Verse 6)  
  
b. What do the following scripture passages reveal about the gospel?  
Romans 1:9, 15-17  
  
1 Corinthians 9:16  
  
1 Corinthians 15:1-4  
  
Philippians 1:27
6. a. Who had taught the Colossians the gospel message?  
  
b. How does Paul describe him?  
  
c. What had he told Paul about the Colossians?  
  
d. (Personal Question) Describe a time in your life when you first understood the gospel. What impact did the gospel have in your life?

**DAY THREE: Read Colossians 1:9-12 — Paul's prayer for the Colossians.** [\[Open NKJV\]](#) [\[Open NIV\]](#)

7. a. What is Paul's primary prayer request for his readers?
  - b. (Personal Question) Who would benefit from you praying in a similar way to Paul in Colossians 1:9-12?
  - c. What kind of wisdom does Paul want his readers to have? (Use also Colossians 1:10; 2:2-3 and 3:10)
  - d. What else do you learn about this wisdom in Psalm 111:10 and James 3:13-17?
8. a. According to vs. 10-11, why is knowledge of God's will and spiritual wisdom necessary for believers?
  - b. Using the following verses, what does Paul mean by *walk (or live) worthy of the Lord*?  
Ephesians 4:1-3  
  
Ephesians 5:15-17
  - c. What is the result of this kind of walk?
9. a. Why does Paul desire that his readers be strong?
  - b. How does a believer receive this strength? (See also Acts 1:8; Romans 15:13; Ephesians 3:16.)
10. According to v. 12, why should believers give thanks?
11. What do you learn about the inheritance of the saints from Romans 8:14-17 and 1 Peter 1:3-5?
12. (Personal Question) Write down something that you have learned about the Christian's inheritance from today's lesson that is most meaningful to you and give the reason why.

**DAY FOUR: Read Colossians 1:13-18.** [\[Open NKJV\]](#) [\[Open NIV\]](#)

13. a. List and meditate on what you learn about Christ from vs. 13-18.
  - b. (Personal Question) According to Colossians 1:13-18, to who should you go for your approval, affirmation and acceptance?
14. a. What things depend upon Christ for their existence?
  - b. ♥(Heart Question) How is the only way to live a fulfilled life? What is preventing you from depending upon Christ for everything?
15. Note the words *all things* in verses 15-18. What is Christ's relationship to *all things*?
16. What is Christ's relationship to the church? See also Ephesians 4:15-16 and 5:23.
17. a. Write down phrases from Colossians 1:13-18 which mention Christ as being first or preeminent in something.
  - b. (Personal Question) Does He have first place in your heart and life? What is the evidence of this?

**DAY FIVE: Read Colossians 1:19-23.** [\[Open NKJV\]](#) [\[Open NIV\]](#)

18. What do you think it means that *all the fullness* dwells in Christ? See also 2:9.
19. a. What marvelous work did God accomplish through Christ? (v.20)
  - b. How was this work accomplished? (v.20)
  - c. What change does Christ's work effect in those with faith? (v.21-23)
20. ? (Thought Question) Why did Christ have to reconcile us to God...why can't we just reconcile ourselves to God?

**DAY SIX: Read Colossians 1:24-29.** [\[Open NKJV\]](#) [\[Open NIV\]](#)

21. a. What was Paul's ministry? Who authorized and empowered his ministry? Give verses.  
  
b. What message did Paul preach?  
  
c. What was Paul's goal?  
  
d. How did Paul work toward this goal?
  
22. ? (Thought Question) What do you think is the mystery that Paul references in verses 26-27? (Note: We will spend more time discussing this mystery in next week's lesson.)
  
23. (Personal Question) Focus on verse 29. What in your life would you need to change in order to truthfully make the same declaration that Paul makes in v. 29?