

November 25 | Sunday

Living for the King

Read [Colossians 1:11-20](#)



26 | Mon – What are you known for? | Read [Colossians 1:1-8](#)

Colossae was a thriving riverside city, about 100 miles east of Ephesus where Paul spent two years planting a church. Epaphras became a believer while in Ephesus, traveled back to his hometown of Colossae, shared the good news of Jesus and a new congregation was formed. Although Paul had never met the Christians there, he had heard of their vibrant faith and sent this letter to encourage them. As Jesus changes your life, how does your faith become known outside your circle of friends?

27 | Tue – Praying for each other | Read [Colossians 1:9-14](#)

Paul's powerful prayer for the Colossian believers is still relevant today. It is one you could pray for yourself, for your family or friends and it is also a wonderful prayer for someone new to faith in Jesus. What parts of this prayer speak to you? What words encourage you on those difficult days when you feel inadequate to live as God has called you to live? Think of how amazing it is that you've come into God's family; find hope in the facts of your salvation.

28 | Wed – Not just a humble carpenter | Read [Colossians 1:15-23](#)

If you grew up in church, Jesus has become a familiar figure. You've heard the stories of his miracles, teachings, death and resurrection. But have you forgotten that Jesus existed long before he was born in Bethlehem? Let his 'resume' in v. 15-20 remind you who God the Son is and why He came. Notice especially v. 21-23, which is the gospel in a nutshell. How do these words affect your view of Jesus?

29 | Thu – What you believe is important | Read [Colossians 2:1-10](#)

Paul stated his purpose for writing this letter and followed up with a warning to be careful about being sucked into "hollow and deceptive philosophy" instead of focusing on who Jesus is. Not much has changed in 2000 years. Look carefully and you will see some philosophies in our culture have their roots in the Greek and Roman philosophies of Paul's time. Not all of it is bad but can you see where some of these beliefs oppose God's truth? It might be worth taking a deeper look at what you believe and why.

30 | Fri – Self-examination | Read [Colossians 3:5-17](#)

You know it is not just about what you believe, it is about how you live. In verses 5-11, Paul lists sinful things that need to be eliminated. Then verses 12-17 show what needs to replace the negatives in your life. Practical, visible qualities that illustrate the life of Jesus being lived out. How is this change possible? Not because of your efforts alone but through the work of the Holy Spirit. Will you ask for and allow the Holy Spirit to do his work in you?

01 | Sat – Where is your focus? | Read [Colossians 3:1-4](#)

Paul's reminder to 'set your heart and mind on things above, not on earthly things' was timely. Colossae, famous for its 'colossian wool' production, was thriving. But several years after this letter, the city was destroyed by a violent earthquake. Many of those who heard Paul's words lost homes or businesses or even their lives. What about you? Is life good at the moment? Are there ways you can prepare to thrive no matter what the future holds?