The Gospel in Colossians

***2 May 2021***

# The Setting of Colossians

# 1:1-8 The Hope that Produces Faith and Love

# 1:9-14 Prayer for God to fill them with knowledge in all spiritual wisdom so that they can continue to be the church in exile, to build God’s temple in endurance and thanksgiving

# 1:15-20 Jesus, the Beloved Son of God (2 Sam 7, Ps 2), the True Adam, the True Image of God (Gen 1)

## 1:21-23 The call to persevere in faith, not shifting from the hope of the gospel heard (cf. 1:5)

# 1:24-2:5 Paul’s suffering as a minister for their sake, to fulfil the word of God so that they reach the fullness of the understanding of Christ

# 2:6-23 The wisdom of God in Christ that you need to be rooted and built up in

# 3:1-4:6 Indicative 🡪 Imperative: Since You Have Been Raised with Christ (Ps 110), Seek the things of Christ. Put off the Old Garment of Sin and Evil and Put on Garments of Holiness and Be the Temple of God in Christ

## 3:1-4 Seek the Things that are Above

## Biblical-theological themes in 3:5-17: Put on Christ, Put Off the Old Adam, Build each other up in the Word, which is Love

## 3:18-25 Seek the Rule of Christ and the Display of the Gospel in your Households

## 4:2-6 Seek the Rule of Christ and Gospel Growth in Others

# 4:7-18 Fulfil the Ministry that you have Received from the Lord

# Application