

THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS IN **20 DAYS**

AN ORCHARD HILL CHURCH BIBLE READING PLAN



SUMMARY

Jesus said He came so we could have life to the full — not someday, not once things finally settle down, but now. Yet most of us are still chasing fullness through more: more success, more control, more approval, more effort. In this five-week series, we're turning to Paul's letter to the Colossians to discover that the fullness we're chasing has already been given to us in Christ. We are invited to live a new creation life, here and now.

CHAPTER THEMES

Chapter 1: We need to start with a full view of Jesus

Chapter 2: Don't chase counterfeit fullness

Chapter 3: Life to the Full Changes everything

Chapter 4: Life to the Full Overflows / Stewarding Relationships

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from September 2026 at
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WEEK 1

Day 1: Background of Colossians / Link to Bible Project Video

- A little background before we begin: Colossians is a letter Paul wrote to a group of Christians who were being influenced by ideas and teachings that could mislead them and pull their focus away from Jesus. Paul reminds them of who Jesus is, what He has done, and why He is enough. As we read, we'll see how knowing Jesus and being rooted in Him changes the way we live.
- "Watch this Bible Project Video about Colossians to get started!"
<https://bibleproject.com/videos/colossians/>

Day 2: Colossians 1:1-14

- What do I notice Paul praying for these believers?
- Which part of his prayer do I most want God to grow in my life?

Day 3: Colossians 1:15-23

- What does this passage show me about Jesus being above and over all things?
- How does seeing Jesus this way change the way I trust and follow Him?

Day 4: Colossians 1:24-29

- What does this passage show me about Paul's desire to make Jesus known and help others grow in Him?
- How is this challenging me to help others know and follow Jesus?

Day 5: Re-read Chapter 1

- Jesus above all. Paul reminds believers of who Jesus truly is. Jesus is above all creation, the head of the church, and the One who rescues and reconciles us to God. Because of who Jesus is and what He has done, Paul encourages believers to keep growing towards maturity in Christ, living lives that reflect Him, and helping others know Him too. How does a fuller view of Jesus help you grow toward maturity in Christ?



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WEEK 2

Day 6: Colossians 2:1–7

- What warning does Paul give in verse 4 about ideas that sound convincing but lead us away from the truth?
- What can help me stay rooted in Jesus and recognize what is true?

Day 7: Colossians 2:8–12

- What warnings and reminders does Paul give in these verses?
- What truth about Jesus in these verses do I most need to remember today?

Day 8: Colossians 2:13–15

- What do these verses show me about what Jesus has done for me?
- How can really knowing I am forgiven and made alive in Christ keep me from looking elsewhere for freedom or acceptance?

Day 9: Colossians 2:16–23

- What does Paul warn could distract us from Jesus in these verses?
- Are there rules, opinions, or religious expectations I am trusting more than Christ?

Day 10: Re-read Chapter 2

- Complete in Christ. Paul reminds believers that everything we need is found in Jesus. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus forgives us, makes us alive, and sets us free. Because of who Jesus is and what He has done, Paul encourages believers to remain rooted in Him and not be led away by convincing ideas, religious rules, or pressure from others. Do I truly believe I am complete in Christ? What helps me remain rooted and continue growing in Him?

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WEEK 3

Day 11: Colossians 3:1–4

- What do these verses reveal about Jesus and what He has done for us?
- How should this change the way we think and live?

Day 12: Colossians 3:5–11

- What old attitudes or actions does God want us to put aside?
- Through prayer, honestly name what you need to “take off” and ask God to help you live more fully in the new life Christ has given you.

Day 13: Colossians 3:12–17

- What do these verses reveal about God’s heart and the new life He is forming in you?
- Choose one word or phrase that stands out – write it down, reflect on why God may be drawing your attention to it, and consider how you can live it out today.

Day 14: Colossians 3:18–25

- What instructions does Paul give to wives, husbands, children, parents, and workers in these verses?
- How should following Jesus shape the way we treat others at home and in our daily work?

Day 15: Re-read Chapter 3

- New Life in Christ. Paul reminds believers that because we have been raised with Christ, our lives should begin to look different. We are called to put away our old ways, become more like Jesus, and honor Him in our relationships, words, and work. As we reflect on Colossians 3, what do you need to put off, and what is Jesus inviting you to put on as you live your new life in Him?

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WEEK 4

Day 16: Colossians 4:1–6

- What does Paul's prayer for an open door reveal about his desire to share the good news of Jesus?
- How can we as a church grow in that same desire? Today, pray for God to open doors for us to make Jesus known.

Day 17: Colossians 4:7–11

- How does Paul describe each of his friends in this passage and what specific ways did they support him and serve the gospel?
- What can you learn from their examples about being a faithful friend and partner in ministry?

Day 18: Colossians 4:12–15

- What does Epaphras pray for the believers and what does this reveal about his care for their spiritual growth?
- Who can we faithfully pray for today – that they would stand firm, grow toward maturity, and follow God fully? Write a prayer for them today!

Day 19: Colossians 4:16–18

- What final instructions does Paul give about sharing God's Word, completing the work God has given, and remembering him in prayer?
- Paul closes with, "Grace be with you." How does knowing you are saved by the grace of Jesus encourage you to follow Him faithfully?

Day 20: Re-read Chapter 4

- **Making Christ Known.** Paul encourages believers to be devoted to prayer, live wisely, speak with grace, and work faithfully alongside others to share the good news of Jesus. As we reflect on Colossians 4, how is Jesus inviting us to pray, speak, or live differently so that others can know Him?

