

INTRODUCTION I

In Today's Lesson Paul's epistle to the church at Colossae is an encouraging reminder of:

The Preeminence of Jesus.

The Preexistence of Jesus.

The Reconciliation in Jesus.



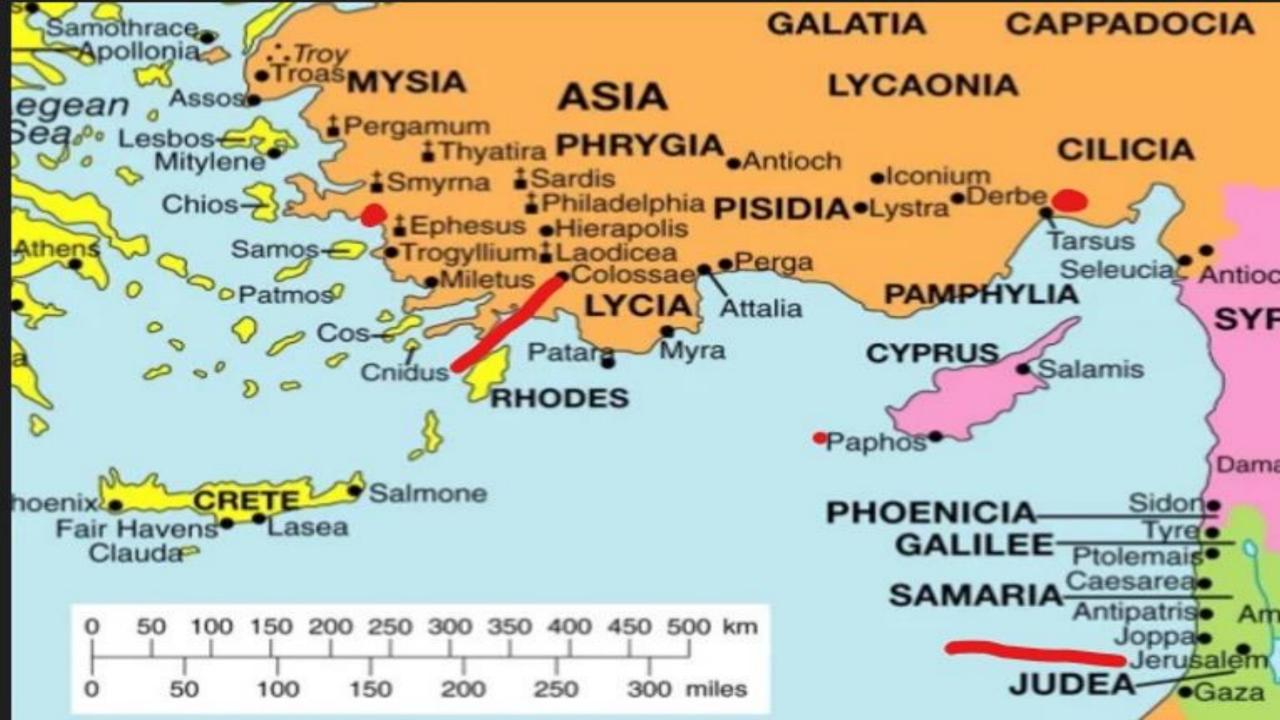
Lesson Context

WHEN: Paul (Timothy) wrote this letter in Rome during his first imprisonment around A.D. 60.

WHERE: Colosse was in the southwest corner of Asia Minor in what is now Turkey.

WHO: Paul, Timothy, Epaphras, The Church at Colosse.





Lesson Outlines

1. Colossians 1: 15-16 Preeminence of Jesus

2. Colossians 1: 17-18 Preexistence of Jesus

3. Colossians 1: 19-20 Reconciliation in Jesus

GOALS FOR TODAY'S LESSON

- By the end of the lesson, we will know and UNDERSTAND Paul's description of Jesus Christ's supremacy.
- 2) Have sufficient knowledge to DESCRIBE to others the awe-inspiring preeminence of Christ for bringing reconciliation.

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Colossians 1:15-16 NRSV

15) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

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Colossians 1:17-18 NRSV 🕮

¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT &

WHO IS THIS JESUS?

Questions & answers

- 1. What is a Heresy and How Should we respond?
- 2. What types of (Heresy) exist today?
- 3. Can scripture be defined by public opinion?
- 4. How did the Apostle Paul Respond to the false teaching? (Opinion or Facts)?



5 - FACTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God. (Deity)
- 2. Jesus existed before all things.
- 3. Jesus is head of the Church which is his body.
- 4. Jesus' death & resurrection gave us Salvation & reconciliation.
- 5. Jesus is the ONLY WAY to GOD the FATHER.

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Colossians 1:19-20 NRSV 🕮

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:17-18 NRSV DI BONUS VERSES

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him,

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²³ provided, that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

Questions & Answers

- 1. What is the definition of Christ Deity?
- 2. How did we obtain Salvation?
- 3. How does Jesus's supremacy benefit us?
- 4. (True/False) Pastors/Bishops are the Ultimate Head of the Church under God.
- 5. (True/False) Jesus is just one of Many gods?

Liberating Lesson

The assistant director of a local crisis pregnancy center stated these words. "I talk to young women all the time about the various difficulties in their lives.

When I ask, what they have tried to improve their situations, many talk of getting a better job, education, and job training. Some mention getting out of a bad relationship. Very rarely does anyone mention turning to God as a solution." We live in a society that habitually ignores God. And yet, God wants us to see that through His Son Jesus, He will guide us through the difficulties of life. If we trust & obey His Word.



Application for Activation

Make a list of personal difficulties and the way you have handled them in the past. Make another list of challenges you are facing. What changes are you going to make in your outlook? Your attitude? Your actions?

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