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What is Colossians about:

- 1. Christ*
 - 2. Cosmology and the Powers*
 - 3. The Church*
 - 4. The Gospel*
 - 5. Eschatology (last things)*
 - 6. The Christian Life*
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*“One theme predominates: the centrality of Christ.
No other epistle is as Christocentric as this one.”*

– Richard R. Melick

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¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

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⁷ just as **you learned it** from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us **your love in the Spirit**.

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3. *The gospel / grace properly understood produces fruit.*

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