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

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<sup>7</sup> just as **you learned it** from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup> 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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