

Preventive Medicine

All the Church [and Christian] needs is Christ
Introduction and Colossians 1:1-2

Outline of Colossians 1:1-2

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

#1. The Authority of God's Word

1st – The Authority of an Apostle

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ

2nd – The Appointment of an Apostle

by the will of God

3rd – The Apostle's Associate

and Timothy our brother

2. An Allusion to their Spiritual Condition

1st - All are Set apart Christians

to the saints

2nd - Some are Steadfast brothers

and faithful brethren

in Christ who are at Colossae

#3. Affirm that God is the only answer

Grace to you and peace from God our Father

Introduction:

Colossians 2:20 *If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, 21 "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" 22 (which all refer to things destined to perish with the using)-- in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men?*

Colossians 2:18 *Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind,*

Colossians 2:16 *let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day--*

Colossians 2:9 *For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,*

Acts 19:10 *this took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.*

#1. The Authority of God's Word ¹

1st – The _____ of an Apostle

(1) _____
Ephesians 2:20, *The church is built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.*

(2) _____
Acts 1:22 *a witness with us of His resurrection*
1 Cor. 9:1 *Am I not an apostle, ...have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord?*

(3) _____ **of Jesus**
Matthew 10:1 *having summoned His twelve disciples...He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and ...sickness. 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these:*
2 Thessalonians 3:6 *We command you*
1 Corinthians 4:21 *with a rod*

(4) _____ **of Scripture**
2 Peter 3:2. *the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets (the Old Testament) and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles (the New Testament)*
16 *the rest of the Scriptures*

(5) **Authenticating _____ Signs**
Acts 2:42-43 *continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching...and everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.*
Acts 5:12 *at the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people.*
Hebrews 2:3-4 *How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed by those who heard 4 God also bearing witness with them bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.*

2nd – The _____ of an Apostle

1 Peter 4:10 *As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards*

3rd – The Apostle's _____

Proverbs 17:17 *A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.*

#2. An _____ to their Spiritual Condition ^{2a}

Epaphras = a faithful servant in 1:7

Tychicus = a faithful servant in 4:7

Onesimus = our faithful and beloved brother in 4:9.

Archippus 4:17 *And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."*

1st - All are _____ Christians

2nd - Some are _____ brothers

Luke 16:10 *He who is **faithful** in a very little thing is faithful also in much;*

Revelation 2:10 *Be **faithful** until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

Luke 19:17 *Well done, good slave, because you have been **faithful** in a very little thing, be in authority over ten cities*

2 Timothy 2:2 *the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to **faithful** men, who will be able to teach others also.*

Colossians 1:23 *if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard*

#3. _____ that God is the only answer ^{2b}

Conclusion:

1st – Don't set _____ as to who can help you biblically

2nd - Don't let your life be problem driven or people driven but _____ driven

3rd - Don't allow a casual attitude toward error _____ God's preventative medicine

4th - Don't depend on anything but _____