

Col. 1:1,2 IT'S ALL ABOUT GOD!

I. GOD CAN _____ YOU WHATEVER YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE (Acts 28)

Phil. 1:12-14 - "Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear." Phil. 4:22 - "All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household." God is _____ than your circumstances!

II. BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHERS (Gnosticism)

A. You're ignorant! We know more and better than you do

B. God isn't the _____

C. Christ isn't God in a _____

D. Christ isn't enough – it is Christ plus our "secret knowledge"

E. Unbalanced approach to life – (_____ determines lifestyle)

If you read Colossians in one setting, you'll see that the main theme is _____!
What you believe will determine how you _____.

III. REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

A. _____ – pure; set apart for God's use

B. Faithful – dependable, true to the faith

IV. WE _____ EACH OTHER

Paul the apostle; Timothy, once a protégé, once called "son", now "our brother"; Epaphras, Tychicus, who is first mentioned in Acts 20, is also there, as is Onesimus.

You aren't Paul, but God has given you gifts and abilities to use for His glory and to help others.

V. WE ARE IN CHRIST, AND WE _____ IN THIS WORLD (In Colossae, in Christ)

We are each in our own Colossae, but we are always in Christ!

VI. GOD'S GRACE COMES _____ HIS PEACE – v. 2

A. Grace – the unmerited favor – the good things we receive from God

B. Peace – not the absence of _____, but a sense of well-being that springs from a sense of the presence of God. It can mean "to be set as one" – in other words, the opposite of being torn apart

