

# Colossians Series

## Lesson #1

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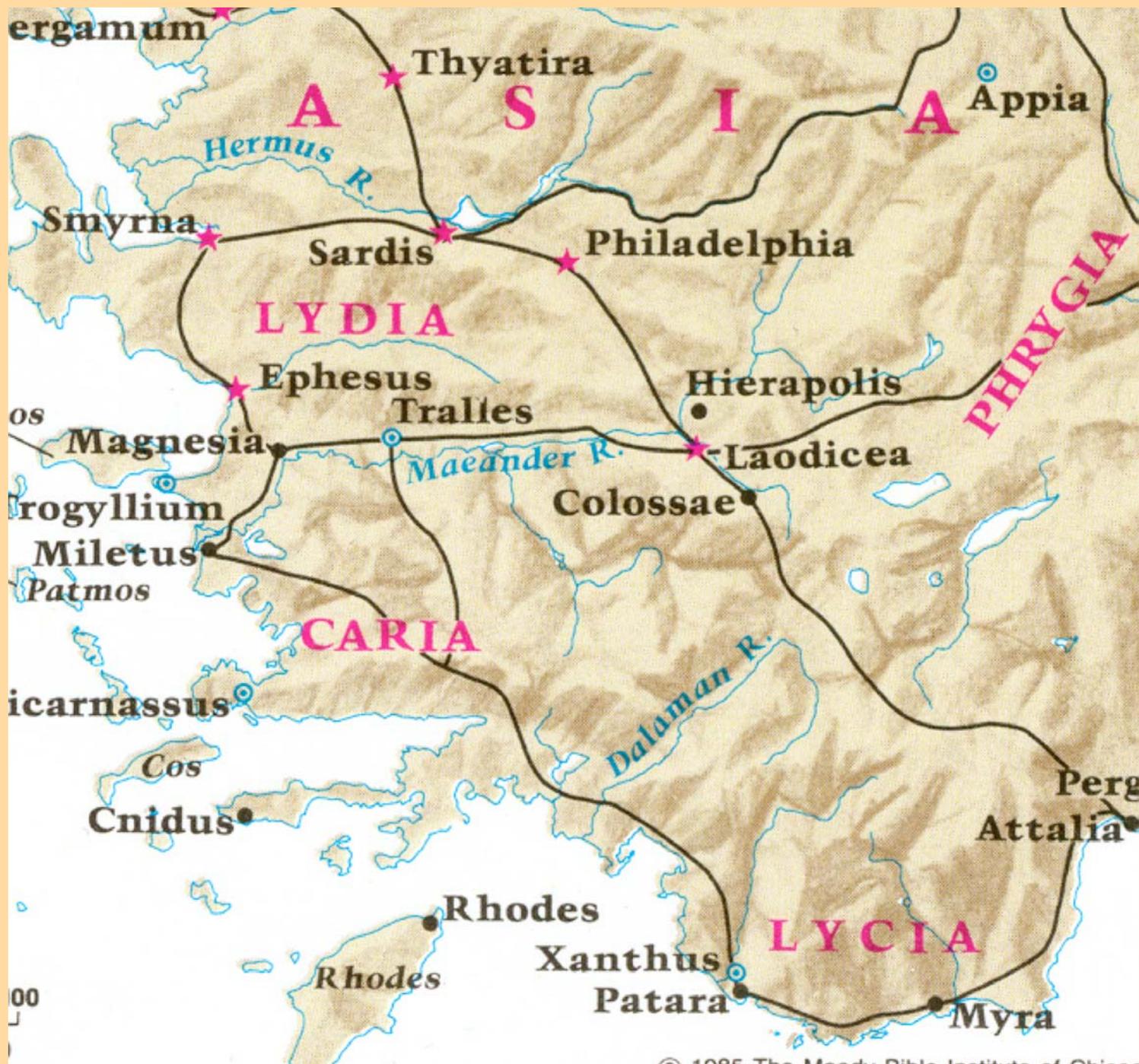
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**COLOSSIANS:**  
**Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**













**Cybele**

**Mother-Earth  
goddess**

**Col. 1:4, “since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;”**

**Col. 1:7, “as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,**

**Col. 1:8, “who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.”**

**Col. 2:1, “For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh,”**

**Col. 4:12, “Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.”**

**Acts 19:10, “And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.”**

**Acts 19:20, “So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.”**

**Acts 20:31, “Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.”**

# The Colossian Heresy

- 1. Judaism: observance of Old Testament laws, rituals, and ceremonies.**
- 2. Greek philosophy: a special knowledge was only available to a select few of intellectual or philosophical elites. Thus, such special knowledge or *gnosis* was not available to the average Christian.**
- 3. Dualism: a type of dualism where matter was considered evil and the soul and mind were considered good.**

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- 4. The “ladder of emanations.”**
- 5. Angel worship: the ladder of emanations also led to angel worship.**
- 6. Denied the deity of Christ.**

# Paul: Prisoner in Rome

Eph. 3:1, “For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—”

Eph. 4:1, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,”

Eph. 6:20, “for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

# Paul: Prisoner in Rome

Eph. 6:21, “But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you;”

Col. 4:7, “Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me.”

# Unique Characteristics

- 1. One of the most Christological books of the New Testament. Jesus Christ is preeminent in creating and sustaining the universe, and redeeming mankind.**
- 2. One of the strongest warnings against the use of unaided reason. Believers should not adopt a philosophy that is not built upon divine revelation (2:8–10).**
- 3. No Old Testament citations.**
- 4. Exhibits most similarities and differences with another canonical letter, Ephesians, by the same author.**

# **Key Doctrines in Colossians**

**Prayer: 1:3–11; 4:2–4**

**Pastoral objectives: 1:9–12; 29**

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## **Christology:**

- a. the Architect and Sustainer of the universe;**
- b. the Head of all things, and especially the Church;**
- c. the Image of the invisible God, the embodiment of all the divine fulness;**
- d. the Source of the Christian's life and peace and joy;**
- e. the Rewarder of obedient believers;**
- f. Christ in us, our "Hope of glory."**

# **Key Doctrines in Colossians**

**Angelology; Satanology**

**The Angelic conflict: Col 1:13, 17; 2:15**

**The Gospel; the fruit of the Gospel**

**Kingdom of His Son**

# **Key Doctrines in Colossians**

**Spiritual life and growth; Col. 1:22–24; 27–28; Col. 2:2–3; 6–7;**

**Positional truth and sanctification: 2:20; 3:1–3;**

**Legalism: 2:16–17; 2:20–2:23;**

**Rewards and inheritance: 1:12; 2:18;**

**Old man vs. New man, 3:8–11;**

**Forgiveness: 3:13;**

**Love: 3:14;**

**Keys to spiritual growth: 3:15–17;**

**The spiritual life in relationships: 3:18–4:1**

## **Ecclesiology**

**Mystery doctrine of the church: Col. 1:25–27**

**The body of Christ: 2:19**