

Simply Study: Colossians

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One book at a time.

One day at a time.



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Are you ready to simply study God's Word?

Welcome to Simply Study: Colossians! We pray you have been blessed by the time you have simply studied God's Word! This week God calls us to use the gifts He has given us to minister to others. As we use our gifts, we help build His kingdom here on earth!

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- **Simply reflect** Consider what God is speaking to your heart and record your thoughts.
- **Simply act** Become a doer of the word as you decide how to apply what you have learned.

Please view or download the pdfs below for the book of Colossians. Better yet, invite a few friends to join you! Start your own Simply Study Bible study in your own home or favorite coffee shop!

Focus deeply.

One book at a time.

One day at a time.

Simply Study.

Leave me a comments below! I'd love to hear about what you have learned while you simply study!

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Psalms 23 Remix



Psalm 23 is one of the the most well-known parts of the Bible. People who do not claim to be religious can quote parts of Psalm 23. Christians have become so familiar with this beloved psalm we almost cease to hear it. What we need is a Psalm 23 remix- a fresh look at an oldie but a goodie!

Please read Psalm 23:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Psalm 23 remix of promises.

The remix promise of provision:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

When God is our shepherd we lack no good thing. He provides us with green pastures and still waters. Food and water. Like the sheep in Psalm 23, we find rest in Jesus when we partake of the food He provides, the Bread of Life, and the Living Water.

The remix promise of presence:

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; For You are with me.

God is with us through it all. Often we think when we face our toughest times that we walk alone. But God promises that when we face the shadow of death, we need not fear because we find safety in a different shadow, the shadow of His wings. Jesus has overcome death, the death of hopes, the death of dreams, the death of relationships, and He is an expert at raising things from the dead.

The remix promise of purpose:

You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

Before David became king, Samuel anointed David's head with oil. God also instructs that every tool and element of the temple be anointed with oil before it's used. Even the priests are anointed with oil before they begin their holy work. Our times of suffering and struggle can be a sign from God that he is anointing us for a new work for His kingdom.

The remix promise of protection:

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

No one enjoys struggling with enemies. I have had seasons of life when it seemed my enemies were draining me of time, resources, health and peace. But God meets us **in the very presence of our enemies and nourishes us through His provisions**. God uses painful seasons to prosper us not harm us. And our enemies can only sit back and watch.

Let's Chat!

Please leave me a comment below in the comment section. I'd love to chat with you about your thoughts on Psalm 23!

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For more info on Psalm 23 please click on the links below!

[Short and Sweet: Psalm 23](#)

[Joyce Meyer: Psalm 23, Part 1](#)

Simply Study: Luke, Session 1

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Luke Session 1
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Are you ready to
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Word?

Merry Christmas and welcome to Luke, Session 1 of Simply Study! We pray you will be blessed by the time you simply study God's Word. During this busy last week before Christmas God asks us to trust Him with the impossible. Impossible relationships, impossible challenges, impossible obstacles. All things are possible with God.

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Note: This Simply Study Bible study will only cover the Christmas chapters of the book of Luke, not the whole book.

Please click on the following link to start your first day of the Christmas study of the book of Luke.

Check back tomorrow morning for the next session!

Simply Study, Luke Session 1

Merry Christmas!

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Circle or Soar?



I saw them circling. Relentlessly wheeling, turning, grinding ruts in the sky. Vultures. Birds of prey, snatching at life. Ebony feathers tracing, ever tracing, paths in the clouds. Never progressing, yet always present. It's what they do year in and year out.

I have some circumstances like that in my life.

Circling. Relentlessly wheeling in my mind, grinding ruts in my heart. Preying on my joy, snatching at my peace. Season upon season. Always, always, circling, ever present. Will I ever be free?

But something else caught my attention.

High above the ebony feathers, I saw it soaring, maneuvering, gliding. Flying with an eye to go higher. It didn't engage the vultures below. It didn't get tangled in their fruitless circling. In the presence of the death birds, the eagle spread its wings cut the sky with skill and grace.

I heard God's message to me.

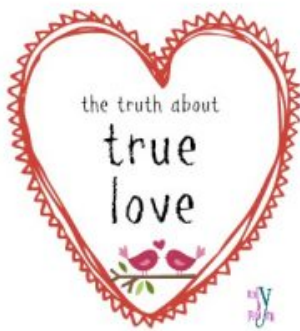
Fly above it. Don't engage in fruitless entanglements. Keep my eye on my higher calling. Always follow my Jesus. Leave the vultures to their circling and soar on eagles wings to my Father. Amen and Amen.

Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up and makes his nest on high? On the rock he dwells and makes his home, on the rocky crag and stronghold. Job 39:27-28

What is God calling you to leave behind and rise up on wings like an eagle? Leave me a comment below; I'd love to hear from you.

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The truth about true love



I have always thought of love as a beautiful, lovely, emotional experience that begins in the heart and ends with I do. And I love that part of love, bouquets of roses, sweets for the sweet, perfume, a lovely dress, a midnight supper, and whispered words. The greatest expression of love however looks quite different.

True truth about love

It starts with the heart and ends with a cross. Blood, agony, nails. Not roses but thorns. Not midnight supper, but last supper. Instead of a lovely dress, garments stripped and gambled. Whispered words become cries of pain. *Why have you forsaken me?* And God shows us what true love is. A decision of the mind and pours out through the heart. Raw and bare for the world to see,

because God so loved the world.

The truth about true love is there is no love without pain, sacrifice, or loss. But in the sacrifice we are blessed, in the loss we receive and in the pain we are healed.

Help me Lord Jesus to so love my husband, to so love my children, and to so love my world, my teachers, my students, and my school families. Help me to so love beyond the beautiful into the depths of true love. Amen.

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8:

Thank you, Holy Father. Amen.

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I'm Sick of It



There is an
epidemic in our
land.

You've heard the news. But it's not a virus or cancer. It's not the flu or pneumonia epidemic. It's a sickness of the soul that comes from listening to the enemy. God has been talking to my heart. He's been showing me my mind has been infected with lies from the enemy, faulty beliefs, and wrong mindsets. I'm ready to be healed and walk by faith, because I'm sick of it.

Sick of it.

I'm sick of worrying about what others think.

I'm sick of trying to hide.

I'm sick of trying to be dark when God calls me to be light.

I'm sick of being sugar when God calls me to be salt.

Sick of small living when God calls me to live large.

I'm sick of safe-ing myself, entertaining myself, and amusing myself to death.

Because giants must fall, walls must crumble, and oceans must part.

Get unsick of it.

Father, you are Jehovah Raphe, the One who heals us. Help us to be sick enough that we will do what ever it takes, (get up early, turn off the TV, get off social media, put down our phones) and come into your Presence and ask to be healed. Sickness is not our legacy, but life and life abundant. Amen.

The woman gets unsick.

²⁵ Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,
²⁶ and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

²⁹ Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. ³⁰ And

Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

³¹ But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

³² And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

³³ But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴ And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

You've got to be close enough to touch Him. Admit you're sick, reach out your hand, and take His healing to heart. Your faith in Him will heal your soul.

If you're are sick of it too, leave me a comment. I'd love to chat with you.

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Today! Part 5



Spend time with Jesus *Today*!

Today is a new kinda quirky Bible journal for busy people who want to jump-start their day with Scripture. Begin the day with a look verse and short assignment. Then, revisit your work in the evening to add notes, make changes and apply what you've learned. Only By Prayer recommends you focus on one journal entry a day.

***Today* is a good time to be with Jesus!**

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Today Bible Journal Part 5



Today Bible Journal Part 4



Today Bible Journal Part 3



Today Bible Journal Part 1



Today Bible Journal Part 2

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