

Simply Study: Colossians 1

One book at a time.
One day at a time.



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Welcome to Simply Study!

Have you had enough of rushing through your Bible study time, trying to keep up with someone else's daily study schedule?

Have you ever finished a daily devotional and marveled at the fact that you barely read a verse of scripture?

Do you long to spend your quiet time soaking in one book of the Bible?

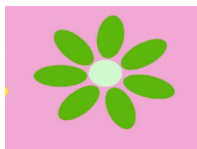
Me too!

Simply Word is a daily Bible study based in one book of the Bible. There's no rush, no scramble. Take as much time as you like to meander with God through one book of the Bible.

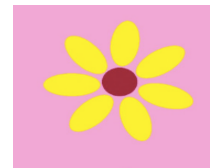
Simple pieces

- **Simply read** Repeated readings will help you meditate on truths of God's word.
- **Simply mark** Let loose your creative side as you simply mark the daily scripture reading passage.
- **Simply answer** Look back in the scripture to answer questions about the text.
- **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.

Let's get started!



Focus deeply.
One book at a time.
One day at a time.
Simply Study.



Simply Study: Colossians, Session I

Session 1

Get your Bible Journal or a printed copy of this Bible study, your favorite pens and pencils and get ready to cozy up with God's Word!

Simply Pray

Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to open the eyes of your heart to hear from Him in your study time today.

Simply Read

Today we are going to read all of chapter one of Colossians. Try to read chapter 1 straight through without stopping.

Colossians Chapter 1

1 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 in Colosse:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;

5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,

6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

7 as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,

8 who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

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13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—

23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,

25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.

27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

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Simply Mark

Please go back and read the passage again. Take notes, and underline important words and phrases that capture your attention.

Simply Reflect

Review your notes and markings for today.

What is God saying to you today through His Word?

What verse/verses spoke to you the most?

Simply Act

What do you need to do because of what you learned today?

Colossians: Session 2

Session 2

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Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to open the eyes of your heart to hear from Him in your study time today.

Simply Read

Today we are going to read Colossians 1: 1-8. Read 1-8 without stopping. Put a check in the blank when you finished ____.

- 1 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 in Colosse:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
- 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;
- 5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,
- 6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;
- 7 as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,
- 8 who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

Simply Mark

Please go back and read the passage again. Take notes, highlight and underline important words and phrases that capture your attention.

Simply Answer

1. Why did Paul become a Christian (vs. 1)?
2. How are grace and peace connected (vs. 2)?

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3. What should we always do for other believers (vs. 3)?
4. What should we work to increase (vs. 4)?
5. How can we increase these things?
6. What is laid up for us in heaven (vs. 5)?
7. How did we learn of this?
8. What does the gospel do in us since the day we heard and believed it (vs. 6)?
9. How do we love others and God (vs. 8)?
10. How is that different than human love?

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Colossians: Session 3

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Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to open the eyes of your heart to hear from Him in your study time today.

Simply Read

Today we are going to read Colossians 1: 1-12. Read 1-12 without stopping. Put a check in the blank when you finished ____.

1 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 in Colosse:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

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9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

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Simply Mark

Please go back and read the passage again. Take notes, highlight and underline important words and phrases that capture your attention.

Simply Answer

1. What did Paul and Timothy do for the Colossians (vs 9)?
2. What did they ask for them in particular (vs. 9)?
3. What is the connection between God's will and wisdom and understanding (vs. 9) ?
4. What is the result when we are filled with knowledge, wisdom and understanding (vs. 10-11)?
5. What has God qualified us to be (vs. 12)?

Simply Reflect

Review your notes and markings for today.

What is God saying to you today through His Word?

What verse/verses spoke to you the most?

Simply Act

What do you need to do because of what you learned?

Colossians: Session 4

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Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to open the eyes of your heart to hear from Him in your study time today.

Simply Read

Today we are going to read Colossians 1: 1-18. Read 1-18 without stopping. Put a check in the blank when you finished ____.

1 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 in Colosse:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

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11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Colossians: Session 4

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Simply Mark

Please go back and read the passage again. Take notes, highlight and underline important words and phrases that capture your attention.

Simply Answer

1. From what has God delivered us (vs. 13)?
2. To what has God conveyed us (vs. 13)?
3. What do we have in Christ Jesus (vs. 14)?
4. How was this made possible (vs 14)?
5. Who and what is Jesus (vs. 15)?
6. What did Jesus do and why (vs. 16)?
7. How does the world continue to exist (vs. 17)?
8. What is Jesus and why (vs. 18)?

Colossians: Session 4

Simply Reflect

Reveiw your notes and markings for today.

What is God saying to you today through His Word?

What have you learned about God through your study time?

Simply Act

What do you need to do because of what you learned?

Colossians: Session 5

Session 5

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Simply Pray

Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to open the eyes of your heart to hear from Him in your study time today.

Simply Read

Today we are going to read Colossians 1:19-23. Read 19-23 without stopping. Put a check in the blank when you finished ____.

19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—

23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Simply Mark

Please go back and read the passage again. Take notes, highlight and underline important words and phrases that capture your attention.

Simply Answer

1. What pleased the Father (vs.19)?
2. How did God reconcile all things to Himself (vs. 20)?
3. What did we used to be before we became believers (vs. 21)?

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4. Why were we those things (vs. 21)?
5. How were we reconciled to Christ (vs. 22)?
6. What did we become after we were reconciled to Christ (vs. 22)?
7. What does our faith need to be (vs. 23)?
8. What do we need to stay close to (vs. 23)?
9. Who is the Gospel for (vs. 23)?

Simply Reflect

Review your notes and markings for today.

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What verse/verses spoke to you the most?

Simply Act

What do you need to do because of what you learned today?