

# How To Study The Bible

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The World's Best-Selling Book, a Christian's Guidebook, a Love Letter from God, inspiration for poets and prophets, powerful enough to turn a thief into a honest person. Let's dig in and find ways to understand the Bible.

## • Book—

**Colossians** What kind? Who wrote it? When? Where is it in the Bible? Timing? It's a (personal) letter from Paul to the new church in Colossae (now western Turkey). Sometime 50-70 AD, while Paul was in prison in Rome (at the end of his life), 20-40 years after Christ died, before the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Testament, with other letters (Galatians, Philippians and Ephesians). Why? To warn new believers of false doctrine, speak of Christ as the Supreme God, and give practical rules for Holy Living (Wikipedia)

## • Chapter—

There are 4 chapters, loosely divided into 2 parts theology and hints for living

## • Section—

Chapter 2—drawing closer to Christ, rejecting the world

## • Is it a Story?

Colossians 3:3-4:6 How to live as if you were dead and your life is hid with Christ.

## • A Verse—

2:6-7 What came before it and what comes after it? What ideas does it express?

Before—Discussion of Christ having and being all you need.

After—Examples of how to walk as a Christian

You HAVE been saved, rooted and grounded in Christ—so now GROW in your faith and WALK in Him.

## • Word—Definition and Context, Repetition, Contrast

Repetitions: "mystery" (ch. 1-2), repetition of "in Him" (ch 1-2), flesh/ earthly body (ch 2-3)

## • Definition—Concordance

## • Cross References

## • Application: What does this say? What does it mean? What does it mean to me?

## STUDY RESOURCES

*Strong's Complete Concordance* - Old Test. Hebrew and New Test. Greek translations (use with KJV Bible)

*Vine's Bible Dictionary*

Apps—*Blueletterbible.com* or *Bible Gateway* or *esword.com*

*How to Study the Bible* Anne Graham Lotz - [www.annegrahamlotz.com](http://www.annegrahamlotz.com) Ephesians sample study

*Bibleplaces.com*—places and background info

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