

COLOSSIANS: A Study by Bill Jones

“Colossians: Supremacy of Christ, Standing Firm in the Faith”

(Background Overview)

Philippians: Christ’s All Sufficiency

Colossians: Christ’s Supremacy (Christ is all and is in all, Colossians 3:11)

Colossians Chapter 1: The Foundation of our Faith: Ministering to Others

Colossians Chapter 2: The Foundation of our Faith: Standing Firm

Colossians Chapter 3: The Practice of our Faith

Colossians Chapter 4: The Results of our Faith

Colossae was 100 miles east of Ephesus, near the towns of Hierapolis and Laodicea in the Lycus valley.

Colossae was a declining commercial city in Paul’s day.

Paul probably never visited Colossae. The church in all three of these cities in the Lycus valley were most likely founded by Epaphras, yet Paul exhibits a deep love for this congregation.

Of course Paul writes this letter when he is under house arrest in Rome around 61 A.D.

This letter along with Ephesians and Philemon were delivered by Tychicus and Onesimus.

Reason for writing stemmed from hearing from Epaphras that false doctrines were circulating and threatening their faith.

Paul, in this letter to the Colossians, focuses on the positive aspects of the person and work of Jesus to give them hope and lead them to repentance.

The overall theme of the Letter is “Christ in us.”