

BOOK BIBLE STUDY

Here is an example of a book Bible study on the book of Colossians.

BASIC PASSAGE OF COLOSSIANS: Colossians 2:9,10

TITLE OF COLOSSIANS: The Fullness of Life in Christ

FINAL OUTLINE OF COLOSSIANS:

The Deity of Christ (chapter one)

Our Walk in Christ (chapter two)

The Plan for Victory (chapter three)

Laboring for Jesus (chapter four)

CROSS REFERENCES (Other books with similar themes): John and Hebrews

DIFFICULTIES: (1) 1:15 What is meant by the firstborn over all creation? Acts 13:33: Psalm 2:7 Jesus is the first to be raised from the dead and is God's Son.

(2) What were people in Colosse focusing on instead of Christ? 2:18 What they ate and drank; the religious festivals they kept or did not keep; the day they worshipped; worship involving angels. (3) 4:3 What is the mystery of Christ?

Colossians 1:26,27 Christ in you (both Jew and Gentile) is the hope of glory.

EMMINENT TRUTH: Jesus Christ is the Head of the universe and of the church.

We approach Him directly, not through angels, philosophies, or rules. Jesus Christ is our Wisdom, our Life, and our Hope of Glory. He is sufficient for all of our needs.

WRITER: Paul

DATE WRITTEN: 63 A.D.

TO WHOM WRITTEN: To the church in Colosse (Gentile Christians)

WHY WRITTEN: Paul wrote the letter because heresy had broken out in the church. Paul's purpose is to show the deity, all sufficiency, and pre-eminence of Christ.

PROBLEMS(S) ADDRESSED: Heresy or false teaching which called for the worship of angels and a strict observance of Jewish ceremonies. The false teachings were a mixture of Jewish, Greek, and Oriental religions consisting of philosophy and astrology with an ascetic element that taught that you could reach a higher spiritual state through rigorous self-denial and self-discipline.

APPLICATION: 2:10 I have been given fullness (completeness) in Christ. Keep focused on Jesus and do not get sidetracked by other teachings or things.