

Reflection and Discussion for the week

Colossians 1:24-2:5

1. What brings you real joy in life?
2. Read Col. 1:24. Can you relate to what Paul is saying in any way? Why or why not?
3. What is the nature of the “mystery” that Paul talks about, and how was this at odds with what most Jews expected at the return of Messiah?
4. What do verses 28-29 say about what it takes to help each other grow toward Christian maturity?
5. Why do you think Paul makes such a big deal about wanting believers to come to a full appreciation of everything that they have in Christ?

Response

What has the Holy Spirit prompted me to do in response to this message from God’s word? When will I put this into action?



Food For Thought

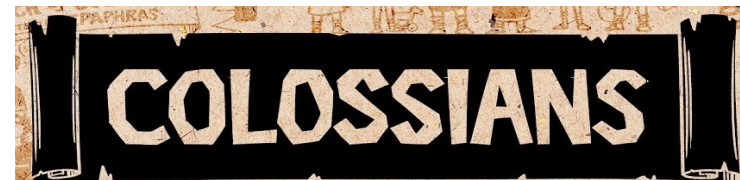
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Colossians: Complete in Christ

It is important to keep coming back to the central truth of Colossians, especially since we are coming and going from our study of this short but powerful book. Although Paul addresses many areas of Christian truth, the overarching theme and application when the book was written is the total and complete sufficiency of Christ in our lives. This is true not only in terms of gaining eternal life with God, but also in terms of becoming more like Christ even in the midst of our daily experience of life. Christ is the source of our salvation and the strength that will transform us into something we could never have become without his supernatural Spirit at work in us.

Like the Colossian believers, we must know and understand the gospel so as not to be led astray by subtle forms of legalism and heresy. We must be on guard for any deviation that would diminish the centrality of Christ in Christianity. Any spiritual fashion or full-blown religion that claims to have the same authority as the Bible, yet seeks to add to or water down the central nature of who Christ was and is, must be absolutely rejected. Christianity cannot be combined with other religions and yet remain “Christian” in any meaningful sense. Christianity centres on Christ.

Any form of Christianity or Christian sect that denies or downplays the reality that Jesus Christ is God in all his fullness is false. Any religion or sect which seeks to describe Jesus as simply another prophet (as Islam claims) or as simply the pinnacle of God’s creation (as the Jews and Mormons claim) is to be utterly rejected. There is only one Christ, One Lord, and One true faith. Christ alone is our only hope, and being “in Christ” our only salvation. There are only two types of people in our



Church Information and News

Regular Church Activities

Sunday	8:30 am — Music Practice @ Church Building
	10:00 am — Sunday Service
	10:00 am — J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) & TOAST (Intermediate age)
	1:00 pm — Trembath Home Group
Wednesday	10:00 am — Mainly music @ Church Building
	10:00 am — Women's Bible Study @ Esther Clark's (2nd and 4th Wednesday each month)
	6:45 pm — Forge Youth @ Church Building
Thursday	7:30 pm — Music Practice @ Church Building
Friday	10:30 am — Friends and Neighbours Group (3rd Friday of month)

Rosters next week: 30th September

Cleaning: Glenn & Jane Anderson **Morning Tea:** Margaret Paynter
Communion: Glenn Anderson & Helper
Greeting: Nat & Hannah Booth **Home visits:** Gene Clark
JAM Helper: School Holidays

Ministry Contacts

J.A.M (Jesus and Me)	Janine Trembath	528-9812
Mainly Music	Tracey Walls/Cathy Moore	528-0388
Tasman Bay Christian School	Sandra Clark	526-6855
FORGE Youth	Isaac Russ	027-2929519
Women's Bible Study	Chrissie Carter	526-8188
Seniors' Contact	John Martin	528-0029
Friends & Neighbors Group	Lorna Martin	528-4902
Trembath Home-Group	Jim & Janine Trembath	528-9812
Pastoral Care Coordinator	Lorna Martin	528-4902
Elders' Contact	Gene Clark	528-7669
Grounds & Buildings	Geoff Paynter	526-6836

TBC Website: <http://www.tasmanbiblechurch.org.nz>
TBC Office email: office@tasmanbiblechurch.org.nz
Church Bank Account for Donations: 03 0693 0088366 000

Church Working Bee, 29 September

Morning Shift: 9-12am
Afternoon Shift 1pm-4pm



Various inside and outside jobs—detailed list to come on the whiteboard at church. Come for a long or a short a time as works best for you. See Geoff for more info.

Young and energetic?.....want to earn some pocket money?....

If you are keen and able to help with some vacuum cleaning once a fortnight and earn some pocket money please contact Chrissie Carter ph: 0276559900

Situation Vacant - TBC Office Administrator

We are looking for someone to take on the role of TBC Office Administrators. This is a part time paid position. If this is of interest to you can you please see Gene Clark.



Helpers needed: Cleaning and Morning Tea Roster - we would appreciate some more helpers to add to the cleaning and morning tea rosters. The more folk we have on the roster the less frequently you are needed to do the job! If you are interested in helping out in this way please see Sandra Clark or email the church office. We can show you what is required and get you started.

School Holidays from 30th September till 14th October

There will be no JAM during this time, Worksheets will be available for children to take back to their seats to fill in during the service.



Bible Verse to ponder.....



He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

—Colossians 1:28