



the book of

COLOSSIANS

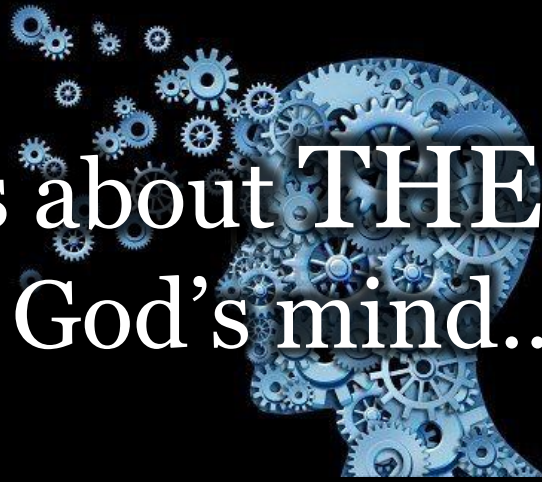
CLASS 1: INTRODUCTION

The Letter To The Church At Colossae



- Written in 62 ad about the same time as Ephesians and Philemon
- Paul wrote it from his imprisonment
- Paul didn't know these folks personally (Col. 2:1)
- Paul learned of their issues from Epaphras (Col. 1:7, 4:12)

If Ephesians is about THE CHURCH in
God's mind...



Then Colossians is about CHRIST in the
heart of the church.



“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.” (Col 1:18)

The Colossian Heresy

2:4

- Being beguiled by false teachers

2:8

- Being taught to follow traditions instead of truth

2:11

- Another church affected by the circumcision issue

2:20

- Imposed rules that were overly-rigid

2:18

- Taught to worship angels

Col.
2:23

- Teachers appeared pious and faithful

THE BOOK IS ABOUT CHRIST

Which means - Christ is the answer
to the false teaching in Colossae.

- BEING TAUGHT TO FOLLOW TRADITIONS
INSTEAD OF TRUTH

- IMPOSED RULES THAT WERE OVERLY-RIGID

- FOLLOWING TEACHERS BECAUSE OF
APPEARANCE OF PIETY AND FAITHFUL

Col. 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us into the kingdom of the Son of His love*,

WHAT IS THE KINGDOM?

Jesus & John taught the kingdom was almost here.

Matt. 3:1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matt. 4: 17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus taught His disciples that the kingdom would come in their lifetime.

Matt 16:28 Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Jesus also taught His kingdom wouldn't be a physical kingdom

Lk. 17:20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; 21 nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!'

JESUS BOUGHT A KINGDOM = IT IS THE CHURCH