

EVERYTHING IS IN JESUS

September 11-17, 2019

Day One: Devotional

1. Prayer: Start off this week in prayer. If you have concerns on your mind, lay them before the Lord, trusting that He can handle them. Ask that God would help you to open your mind and heart to Him today. Think upon Jesus. Set your mind upon Christ and his goodness. Write out your reflections below.
2. Read John 1:1-18 out loud. Read it twice focusing on the attributes of Christ.
3. List out the attributes of Christ that are in this passage.
4. Pick one attribute that sticks out to you. Why did you need to hear that today? How does it help you to know this truth about Christ?
5. Worship: Since we are focusing around worship, spend some time doing just that. Worship Christ for who He is. Perhaps listen to a song that speaks of the attributes of Christ. Repeat over and over again the attribute that stuck out to you today and thank Him. Possible songs include: *What a beautiful name* (Hillsong); *Jesus* (Chris Tomlin); *Forever* (Kari Jobe)

Day Two: Observations & Color Code

Colossians 1:

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

Observations:

Day Three: Method: Chapter Analysis

This week we really dive into exegesis. Be sure to review page 5 before beginning.

1. Read through the whole chapter several times (at least 3). Read it without stopping. Don't be concerned with the details but instead with the overall theme. Read it aloud.
2. Consult other versions: Read through the chapter again in at least two other translations of the Bible (see bottom of page 6 for information about translations). Make notes on interesting differences you find.
3. Title it: Give the chapter a short but descriptive title. Make it something you can remember, maybe even just one word.
4. Outline the passage. List out the major points of the chapter.

5. List out the most important people in the chapter. Ask who the main people are in the passage and why are they included. What is significant about them?

6. Pick a verse: What verse summarizes the whole chapter? What verse speaks to you personally? Write it out here:

Day Four: Chapter Analysis Continued

7. Key words: Write down the key or repeated words in the chapter.

8. Challenges: Do you have any difficulty with this passage? Are there any questions you would like to study further? Is there a word you would like to understand better?

9. Cross References: For this part you will need a good study Bible. Look up any verses that are referenced in your Bible. Do any of them help you understand this chapter better?

10. How do you see Christ in this passage? What do we learn about him?

11. Central Lessons: What are the lessons or principles learned from this passage?

Day Five: Application

1. Looking back on the central lessons learned from this chapter, how can you apply it to your life? What is a life lesson you can learn from this chapter?

2. Focusing especially on Christ and His attributes, what one attribute do you want to focus on this week?