

COLOSSIANS



FOLLOWING JESUS

PRACTICE: BIBLE STUDY



GETTING HELP

Understanding the Bible correctly requires help from scholars and others who are committed to humble and inquisitive study. We recommend the following commentaries for studying Colossians:

► **1. Paul: The Prison Letters (For Everyone Series), NT Wright**

MENLO.CHURCH/PAULFOREVERYONE

A short and accessible commentary that is also very devotional.

► **2. Colossians and Philemon (Tyndale New Testament Commentary), NT Wright**

MENLO.CHURCH/COLOSSIANSANDPHILEMON

More of an academic commentary but shorter than most academic handlings of this book.

► **3. The Letter to the Colossians (New International Commentary on the New Testament), Scot McKnight**

MENLO.CHURCH/LETTERTOTHECOLOSSIANS

An academic commentary and longer than the one above.

This week we meditate upon Colossians 1:13-20 and get help from scholars to give us a deeper understanding of this glorious book.

Pray: Each day, before you meditate on Colossians 1:13-20 and/or dive into the study material, pause for a conversation with God. Thank him for being present with you by his Spirit. Ask him to speak to you as you read.

Meditating on Colossians 1:13-20 Each Day: Write out this passage and carry it with you. Make a habit of meditating upon it, using it as a guide for your prayers and soaking in the truth of who Jesus is to you each moment of each day.

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. **Colossians 1:13-20**



Study: Learning from Others.

▶ **Day One: Watch The Bible Project Overview of Colossians (9min)**

MENLO.CHURCH/COLOSSIANSDAYONE

Record your take aways from this overview and how it helps you as you study Colossians.

▶ **Day Two: Watch Scholar NT Wright on the Context and Culture Surrounding Colossians**

MENLO.CHURCH/COLOSSIANSDAYTWO

Record what most encourages you from NT Wright's teaching.

▶ **Day Three: Read A Christology Worth Singing (5min)**

MENLO.CHURCH/COLOSSIANSDAYTHREE

Write a prayer of worship to Jesus for all that is true of him in Colossians 1:15-20.

BONUS MATERIAL FOR STUDY

▶ **NT Wright on The New Testament in its World and How History can Revitalize Faith**

MENLO.CHURCH/REVITALIZEFAITH

▶ **How Can the Bible be Authoritative?**

MENLO.CHURCH/AUTHORITATIVE

Worship:

Pause to worship God as he is revealed in your study and mediation of Scripture.

Living the Scripture:

What is one thing you can do this week to follow in the way of Jesus? Share this with a friend and ask them to pray for you.

