

Colossians

Bible Reading Plan for New Christians

A 21-Day Discipleship Reading Plan

The book of Colossians teaches new believers to see the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ, to stand firm in the gospel, and to walk daily in the new life they have received in Him.

Purpose of This Reading Plan

Colossians is a wonderful letter for new Christians because it lifts our eyes to the glory of Christ and then shows how the truth of Christ changes ordinary life. Paul writes to believers who need to be strengthened in the gospel, protected from spiritual confusion, and taught how to walk in a manner pleasing to the Lord.

As you read, keep asking one central question:

Is Christ enough, and am I learning to live every part of my life under His lordship?

How to Use This Plan

Each day, read the assigned passage slowly. Begin with prayer:

Lord, open my eyes to see Christ clearly, understand Your Word rightly, and walk in a way that pleases You.

Then use either the Core Observation Questions or the S.O.A.P. Method. This plan is designed to be simple enough for personal devotions and useful enough for one-on-one discipleship, family worship, or small-group discussion.

Option 1: Core Observation Questions

1. What does this passage teach me about Jesus Christ?
2. What does this passage teach me about the gospel, salvation, or the Christian life?
3. Is there a command to obey, a promise to trust, a warning to heed, or an example to follow?
4. What false belief, sinful habit, or worldly influence does this passage confront?
5. What is one truth I need to believe today?
6. What is one step of obedience I should take?
7. How should I pray in response to this passage?

Option 2: The S.O.A.P. Method

- **S - Scripture:** Write down one verse or phrase that stood out.
- **O - Observation:** What does the passage say? What do you learn about Christ, the gospel, or the believer's life?
- **A - Application:** How does this truth apply to your thinking, worship, relationships, habits, or obedience today?
- **P - Prayer:** Write a short prayer asking God to help you believe, obey, and walk in Christ.

21-Day Reading Plan Through Colossians

Read one passage each day. The passages are intentionally brief so that new Christians can slow down, think carefully, and respond in faith and obedience.

Day	Passage	Focus
1	Colossians 1:1-8	Thank God for Gospel Fruit
2	Colossians 1:9-14	Praying for Spiritual Growth
3	Colossians 1:15-20	The Supremacy of Christ
4	Colossians 1:21-23	Reconciled and Established in the Faith
5	Colossians 1:24-29	Christ Proclaimed and Believers Matured
6	Colossians 2:1-5	Encouraged Hearts and Gospel Stability
7	Colossians 2:6-10	Walk in Christ and Be Rooted in Him
8	Colossians 2:11-15	Complete in Christ
9	Colossians 2:16-23	Do Not Be Captured by False Spirituality
10	Colossians 3:1-4	Seek the Things Above
11	Colossians 3:5-11	Put Sin to Death
12	Colossians 3:12-17	Put On the New Life
13	Colossians 3:18-21	Christ in the Home
14	Colossians 3:22-4:1	Christ in Work and Responsibility
15	Colossians 4:2-6	Prayer, Witness, and Wise Speech
16	Colossians 4:7-18	Faithful Servants and Gospel Fellowship
17	Colossians 1:15-20	Review: Who Is Christ?
18	Colossians 2:6-15	Review: What Has Christ Done for Us?
19	Colossians 3:1-17	Review: How Do We Walk in New Life?
20	Colossians 3:18-4:6	Review: How Does Christ Rule Everyday Life?
21	Colossians 1:9-14; 4:2-6	Pray and Go Forward in Christ

Weekly Themes for Reflection

Week 1: The Glory and Sufficiency of Christ

Colossians 1:1-2:10

Key Question: Am I learning to see Jesus Christ as supreme over all things and sufficient for my salvation, growth, and hope?

Week 2: New Life in Christ

Colossians 2:11-3:17

Key Question: What old patterns must I put off, and what Christlike habits must I put on?

Week 3: Christ in Everyday Life

Colossians 3:18-4:18

Key Question: How should the lordship of Christ shape my home, work, words, witness, and relationships?

Key Truths to Watch For in Colossians

- **Christ is supreme:** He is Lord over creation, the church, and every authority.
- **Christ is sufficient:** Believers are complete in Him and must not add man-made spirituality to the gospel.
- **The gospel bears fruit:** True faith produces growth, gratitude, endurance, love, and obedience.
- **The Christian life is rooted in union with Christ:** Believers have died and been raised with Christ, and now they seek the things above.
- **New life changes daily life:** Christ rules our words, relationships, homes, work, prayers, and witness.

Simple Discipleship Prompts for New Christians

At the end of each week, discuss these questions with a pastor, mentor, parent, or mature believer:

1. What did you learn about Jesus Christ this week?
2. What part of Colossians was most encouraging to you?
3. What part challenged or convicted you?
4. What false ideas or worldly influences does this letter warn believers about?
5. What does it mean for you to be "in Christ"?
6. Where do you need to put off sin and put on Christlike obedience?
7. How can someone pray for you this week?

Simple Memory Verses from Colossians

Choose one of these passages to memorize during the reading plan. Memorization helps the truth of Scripture take root in the heart.

- Colossians 1:13-14 - Christ has rescued and redeemed His people.
- Colossians 1:15-18 - Christ is supreme over all things.
- Colossians 2:6-7 - Believers are called to walk in Christ.
- Colossians 3:1-4 - Believers seek the things above.
- Colossians 3:12-17 - Believers put on the character of Christ.
- Colossians 4:5-6 - Believers walk wisely before outsiders.

A Simple Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, help me to see Your glory, rest in Your sufficiency, and walk in newness of life. Keep me rooted and built up in You. Teach me to put sin to death, put on Christlike character, and live every part of my life under Your loving lordship. Amen.

One-Page Weekly Review Sheet

Use this page at the end of each week or copy it for each week of the plan.

1. The clearest truth I saw about Jesus this week:

2. One verse or phrase I want to remember:

3. One area where the Lord convicted or encouraged me:

4. One step of obedience I need to take:

5. One question I want to ask a mentor or pastor:

6. Prayer response:

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