

# valueFUL

## letter to the Colossians

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## Objective

*what we hope to see God accomplish in us through this study*

We create value in keeping with our position in Jesus.

### STATEMENTS OF THE OBJECTIVE

"Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

—Colossians 3:17 NASB

"Paul rounds off his letter exalting the value of living out the Christian life alongside others, so that we too can keep our eyes on the biggest picture of all: Christ...Whatever shape your family, church, and local communities take, Paul's community crescendo reminds us that, just as Christ gave his life for us, so too we're made to give ourselves to others."

—Sarah Dargue  
*Bumps, Babies, and the Gospel*

### STATEMENTS OF THE THEME

Value runs through the thought of Colossians:

- The believer in Jesus has value (Colossians 1:13)
- The Christian should live by God's values (Colossians 1:9-12)
- The Christian creates value in society (Colossians 3:23)

## Premise

*why we are studying this*

Deconstruction is a massive problem that influences the world in which modern Christians operate. The sad reality is that those who establish no value – the deconstructionists – are on the rise.

When I began speaking about this problem twenty years ago, the outlook seemed troubled but not dire. Things have deteriorated so badly that believers in Jesus who try to live valuably are now regularly denounced. We are beset by both right- and left-wing versions of anti-value and must find a way to follow God's call in an environment that views positive construction as an attack.

### STATEMENTS OF THE PREMISE

"For I may be absent in body, but I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see how well ordered you are and the strength of your faith in Christ.

So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ."

—Colossians 2:5-8



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## Theme

*what the study is about*

Paul's letter is a response to news he received from Epaphras regarding the churches of the Lycus Valley. Much of the report was encouraging, but some aspects were troubling. Apparently, the Colossians were making up their own religion, which included redefinitions of sin coupled with mysticism and asceticism. The answer to all this mess is Jesus and only Jesus. Paul expects Christians to daily live out the fullness of our direct connection to the God-Man, Jesus. This will lead to peace, holiness, respect for godly authority, tender hearts toward other believers, and production of value.

### STATEMENTS OF THE THEME

"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. He is always wrestling for you in his prayers, so that you can stand mature and fully assured in everything God wills. For I testify about him that he works hard for you, for those in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis. Luke, the dearly loved physician, and Demas send you greetings. Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her home. After this letter has been read at your gathering, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. And tell Archippus, 'Pay attention to the ministry you have received in the Lord, so that you can accomplish it.'"

—Colossians 4:12-17

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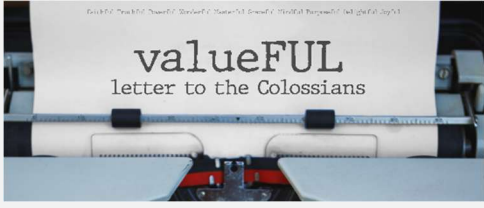
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GROUP DISCUSSION



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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:1-2

KEY IDEAS

THEME

Paul introduces himself, Timothy, and massively important concepts including apostleship, sainthood, the Triune God, fruitfulness, grace, and service to Christ.

LIFE-CHANGE OBJECTIVE

We are faithful servants of the Messiah.

GOD'S GRACE

"Here, right at the outset of the letter, is the whole doctrine of grace. A man is not what he has made himself, but what God has made him. There is no such thing as a self-made man; there are only men whom God has made, and men who have refused to allow God to make them."

—William Barclay  
*The Letter to the Philippians, Colossians and Thessalonians.*

FAITH

"Faith is not the absence of doubt, but the decision to trust God despite it."

—Timothy Keller  
*The Reason for God*

PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that we remain faithful to the truth.

# Session 1: Faithful

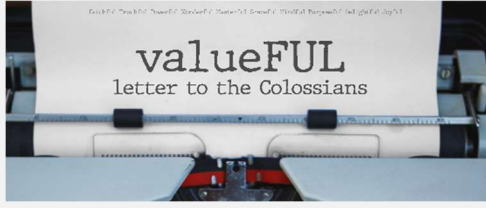
1. Read Colossians 1:1-2.
  - By what or whose authority does Paul claim to be an apostle?
  - Based on Paul's background, what does this tell us about God's grace? (See also 1 Timothy 1:12-15)
  - What words does Paul use to address the Colossian believers?
2. Read Colossians 2:5-8. Paul rejoices in the well-ordered—or disciplined—faith of the Colossians.
  - What does it mean to be "established in your faith?" (v 7)
  - What is Paul's warning to the Colossians (v 8)?
  - How easy is it for even a faithful believer to be taken captive by false philosophy and tradition?
3. "Deconstruction" movements aim to tear down what has value; they defy objective truth and any construct that defines reality.
  - How does this philosophy contrast with the Colossians' well-ordered faith?
  - Have you noticed this or other philosophies and traditions infecting the church today?
  - How can believers remain faithful and holy in the midst of these deceptions?
4. Paul often uses the phrase "Grace and Peace to you".
  - Why do you think he does this?
  - What is the relationship between grace and peace?
  - How does understanding grace inform our sense of peace?
  - Discuss the importance of a clear understanding of these two concepts in the life of the believer.



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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:3-8

KEY IDEAS

THEME

Paul deftly uses the Colossians' own experience, scripture, and Epaphras' life to launch the discussion. This is a kind-hearted way to establish the lesson on solid truth [Alethia], setting a conversational yet inspiring tone that leads the Christian to embrace biblical service.

LIFE-CHANGE OBJECTIVE

We serve Christ.

THE WORD OF TRUTH

"[The word of truth] means that it came from God and can be trusted. 'Thy word is truth' (John 17:17). There are many messages and ideas that can be called true, but only God's Word can be called truth. Satan is the liar; to believe his lies is to be led astray into death (John 8:44). Jesus is the Truth (John 14:6); when we trust Him, we experience life. Men have tried to destroy God's truth, but they have failed. The Word of truth still stands!"

—Warren W. Wiersbe  
*Be Complete: Becoming the Whole Person God Intends You to Be*

PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that we serve in the spirit of truth.

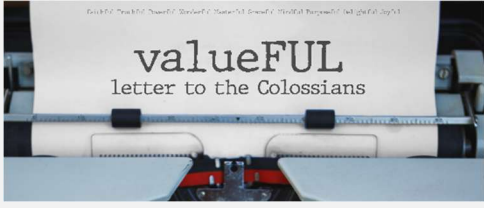
## Session 2: Truthful

1. Read Colossians 1:3-6, Psalm 25:4-10, and 1 Corinthians 13:12-13.
  - What is the relationship between truth, faith, hope, and love?
2. Read Colossians 1:5-6, Deuteronomy 32:4, Psalm 119:160, John 1:17, and John 14:6.
  - Why do we consider the Gospel to be absolute truth?
3. Read Colossians 1:9-14.
  - What signs are an indication that we are living by God's values?
4. Read Colossians 3:23.
  - How should we approach anything that we do?
  - How might this perspective help to create value in our spheres of influence and in society at large?
5. Read Colossians 1:7-8, 4:12-13 and Philemon 23.
  - What example did Epaphras set of serving Christ?
  - Do we serve Jesus well?
  - What are some practical ways that we could serve Him more?



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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:9-14

KEY IDEAS

THEME

Paul relates an amazingly rich prayer, begging God to grant the wisdom and power so badly needed in Colossae. Most especially, he prays for them – and all of us – to remember the truth of who we are in Christ.

LIFE-CHANGE OBJECTIVE

We walk wisely and powerfully.

REVERENCE

“We are very good at teaching compassion and belonging, less good at teaching reverence. We train children to manage their emotions, but not always to recognize mystery. We have social-emotional learning, but no metaphysical literacy...

A generation ago, we taught rules without warmth and drove children to rebellion. Now we teach warmth without weight and risk raising souls unable to bow. If we want faith to endure, we must recover the weight of the One before whom we stand, for children need more than affirmation. They need a world that can command their attention.”

—Adam Eilath  
*The Grammar of Reverence*

PRAYER

Pray for each other, that we stand in awe of God and His rich blessings.

## Session 3: Powerful

- Read Colossians 1:9-14
  - Discuss the passion Paul brings to this prayer.
  
- Read 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 and Luke 11:1-4.
  - In what ways do these passages emphasize the power of prayer?
  
  - Discuss the difficulties of maintaining a vigorous prayer life.
  
- Read Micah 6:8, Galatians 5:16, and 1 John 1:7.
  - How does walking in a way that is “worthy of the Lord” affect your life?
  
  - How does it affect the lives of the people around you?
  
- Read 2 Corinthians 12:6-9 and 2 Timothy 1:7.
  - What do we gain by patiently enduring trials?
  
  - Please share any testimonies that you have of feeling the Lord’s power and nearness in a time when you felt weak and needy.
  
- Read again Colossians 1:9-14.
  - Identify five truths in this passage that describe who we are in Christ, and for which we can be especially thankful.
  
  - What difference does having a heart of gratitude make in your life?



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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:15-23

KEY IDEAS

THEME

Paul shows us the answer to any heresy, trial, or daily need – Jesus. Jesus is wonderful in every sense of the idea, and Paul presents Jesus in poetry crafted to inspire awe in His Person.

LIFE-CHANGE OBJECTIVE

We keep the main thing the main thing.

WONDER

“Awareness of the divine begins with wonder... As civilization advances, the sense of wonder declines. Such decline is an alarming symptom of our state of mind. Mankind will not perish for want of information, but only for want of appreciation. The beginning of our happiness lies in the understanding that life without wonder is not worth living. What we lack is not a will to believe but a will to wonder.”

—Abraham J. Heschel  
*God in Search of Man*

“The essence of all religion is the feeling of wonder, of awe, of admiration, of reverence for what is higher than man.”

—Thomas Carlyle  
*Heros and Hero Worship*

PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that the knowledge of Jesus fills us with wonder.

## Session 4: Wonderful

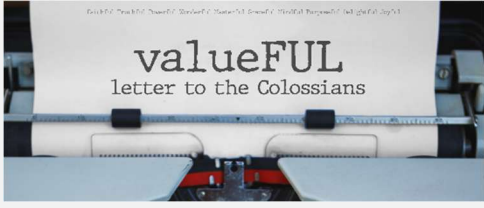
1. Read Colossians 1:15 and Genesis 1:26-27.
  - What does it mean that Jesus is the “Firstborn” of all creation?
  
2. Read Colossians 1:16-19 and Psalm 103:20-22.
  - Discuss the deity of the Son as revealed in this short passage. What are the implications for understanding all of scripture?
  
3. The study of science is meant to propel us to wonder; God intricately designed the universe, down to each individual atom that is held together by an invisible, gravitational force.
  - How has scientific study influenced your faith?
  
4. Read Colossians 1: 20-22.
  - What does it mean that God has reconciled all things to Himself through the death and resurrection of Jesus?
  - Discuss the implications of your salvation individually, and your personal relationship with the Father through the Son in light of God’s larger plan (see also Ephesians 1:4).
  
5. Read Colossians 1: 23.
  - Since we know from many other passages that our salvation is secure, what does Paul mean by his statements in verse 23?
  - Why does he address his audience in this way? Why do you think he uses the word ‘if’?



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# Session 5: Meaningful

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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:24-29

KEY IDEAS

THEME

Paul speaks in a brilliant chiasm, exposing his Hebraic-based message for his mostly Gentile audience. The big idea is in the middle – the *mysterion*. This rich Old Testament idea was being abandoned for mystery religion nonsense, so Paul re-establishes the right meaning for the term. The ancient and rich truth is that Gentiles are also chosen for glory. Paul also describes his goal of spiritual maturity and his willingness to suffer and fight in God’s strength so that people grow up well in Christ.

OBJECTIVE

We labor for the truth.

THE MYSTERY

“The mystery was not that Gentiles would be saved but how they could be ‘fellow-heirs’ (Eph. 3:6), on the same level with Jews, with no middle wall of partition between them.”

—Norman L. Geisler  
“Beware of Philosophy”, *JETS*

“The beauty of the mystery unveiled is that our relationship with God is radically defined by His grace. This understanding liberates us, emboldening us to share the good news with others.”

—Rick Warren

Read Colossians 1:24-29 and discuss the following questions:

1. In verse 24, Paul states that he is “completing in my flesh what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for his body, that is, the church.”
  - Since Christ’s atoning work was completed in His death and resurrection, what do you think Paul is referring to?
  
2. What is the significance of Paul’s revelation that the mystery to which he refers is the inclusion of the Gentiles in God’s plan? (See also Deuteronomy 7:1-11 and Ephesians 3:8-10.)
  
3. Why did Paul emphasize the importance of his mission to the Gentiles? (See also Genesis 18:18 and Ephesians 1:3-14.)
  
4. As we seek to emulate Paul’s efforts to make disciples and help each other grow to spiritual maturity, how do Colossians 1:29 and 1 Corinthians 15:10 inform us?

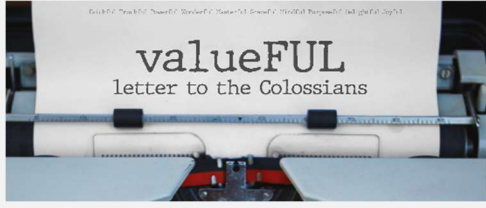
PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that we boldly share the good news.



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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 2:1-10

KEY IDEAS

THEME

Before he gets into the teeth of the theological absurdities currently influential in Colossae, Paul lays forth the answer: Jesus. He is the answer to everything. Knowing He is present with us changes everything about how we live.

OBJECTIVE

We live like people who know the answer.

COMPLETE IN CHRIST

“Believers are spiritually complete because they know the truth about ultimate reality. To maintain, as the Colossian false teachers did, that those who were in Christ still lacked anything is absurd. All true believers are complete in Christ and do not need the teachings of any cult or false teacher.

Everyone has a choice, whether to follow human wisdom or to come to Christ. To follow human wisdom is to be kidnapped by the emissaries of Satan and his false system, which leaves a person spiritually incomplete. To come to Christ is to come to the One who alone offers completeness.”

—John MacArthur  
*Colossians and Philemon*

PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that we know and follow Christ alone.

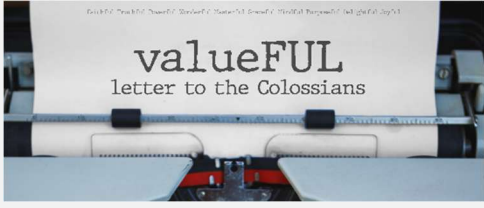
## Session 6: Masterful

1. Read Colossians 2:1-3 and discuss the following questions:
  - Why does Paul feel bonded with his audience if he had never visited Colossae before this letter was written?
  - How should this inform our bond to other believers worldwide?
  
2. Read Colossians 2:4-5.
  - What are some of the arguments that may ‘sound reasonable’ in contrast with the Gospel (verse 4)?
  - How is Paul preparing the Colossians to resist those?
  
3. Read Colossians 2:6-7.
  - What does it mean to:
    - Walk in Christ?
    - Be rooted in Christ?
    - Be built up in Christ?
  - Being established in the Faith requires teaching. How are you pursuing discipleship in your life? For yourself? and for others?
  
4. Read Colossians 2:8-10.
  - Human traditions may seem harmless on the surface, but what does Paul mean by ‘philosophies’ and ‘empty deceit’?
  - What does it mean that these are based on the ‘elements of the world?’ How can we guard against these things when they attempt to infiltrate the church?
  
5. Discuss any personal experiences you have had with false doctrines or dangerous teachings.



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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 2:11-23

KEY IDEAS

THEME

Paul examines the three big aspects of the Colossian heresy as it was practically experienced in asceticism, mysticism, and legalism. He shows that the Godhead is greater than each and that reliance on Jesus is eroded by each. Further, eternal rewards are lost when we settle for attractive-looking additions that promise “fuller” Christianity than what Jesus provides.

OBJECTIVE

We find our life in Christ alone.

CHRIST IS THE SUBSTANCE

“The Old Testament Law (including the Sabbath) was only a shadow of the things that were to come. The reality or ‘substance’ (*sōma*, lit., *body*), however, is to be found in Christ. What the Old Testament foreshadowed, Christ fulfilled. A ‘shadow’ (*skia*) is only an image cast by an object which represents its form. Once one finds Christ, he no longer needs to follow the old shadow.”

—Norman L. Geisler  
“Colossians” in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*

PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that we trust in Christ alone and avoid attractive additions.

## Session 7: Graceful

1. Read Colossians 2:14-17 and Ephesians 2:8-9.

- Given the context, discuss the contrast between shadow and substance.

2. Read Colossians 2:18-19 and Ephesians 4:16.

False teachers in the church claimed to have a “fuller” experience of God, whether through mysticism, asceticism, or the worship of angels.

- According to Paul in verse 19, what were these men lacking?

3. Read Colossians 2:20-23 and 2:8.

Asceticism was a popular practice among the philosophers in Colossae.

- From this passage, describe some of the regulations that were being imposed on the church.

- How did this stoic religion fall short of God’s design for the church?

4. Read Colossians 2:23 again.

Legalism, mysticism, and asceticism are all about controlling behavior.

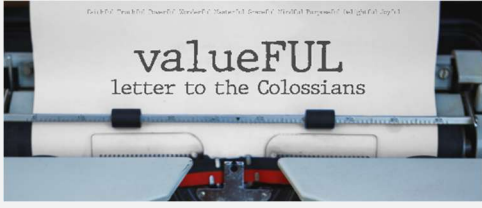
- Contrast these practices with worshipping Jesus as the Head and relying on the Holy Spirit.



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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-4

KEY IDEAS

THEME

Many call this paragraph the height of all Christian thought. This introduction to the “practical” section of the book contains a beautiful and powerful call to be mindful. Paul wants our minds trained in the right direction so that our living naturally follows that path.

OBJECTIVE

We set our minds on things above.

THE BACKDROP OF ETERNITY

“Paul...is not pleading for an other-worldliness in which the Christian withdraws himself...and does nothing but contemplate eternity... But there will be this difference – from now on the Christian will view everything against the background of eternity and no longer live as if this world was all that mattered.”

—William Barclay  
*Letters to the Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians*

SEEK AND THINK HEAVEN

“You must not only *seek* heaven; you must also *think* heaven.”

—J.B. Lightfoot  
*St. Paul’s Epistles to the Colossians and to Philemon*

PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that our minds are trained toward Jesus.

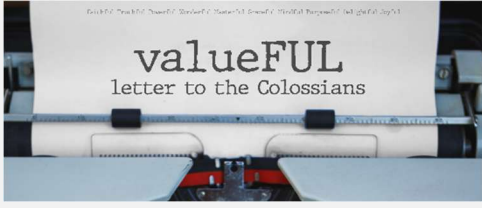
## Session 8: Mindful

1. Read Colossians 3:1-2. The word ‘if’ in verse 1 can be translated ‘since’.
  - According to this passage, what should be the object of our thoughts?
  - What is the difference between ‘seeking’ and ‘setting our minds on’ the things above?
  - Why does the object of our attention matter, and how should this impact our daily lives?
2. Read Colossians 3:3. Because we identify with Christ in His death, God wants us to consider ourselves as having died with Him.
  - What does Paul mean when he says. “You have died...”?
  - What does it mean that our lives are “hidden” in Christ?
  - Does it mean that God has fully accomplished His mission and that our role is somewhat passive?
3. Read Colossians 3:4, Psalm 24:7-10, Matthew 25:31-32, and Revelation 20:4.
  - How does Christ’s future appearing affect how we live now?
  - What is invisible now in the spiritual realm that will one day be fully manifested?
4. What are some practical habits—such as Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, serving—that help you keep your mind on things above?
  - If possible, share some specific examples from your life.
  - How can we encourage one another this week to keep our minds on Christ?



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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:5-17

KEY IDEAS

THEME

Paul uses a clothing metaphor to describe the daily habits that make up the Christian way of living. The specifics are wonderfully helpful and the capstone summarizes brilliantly: do all in Jesus' name.

OBJECTIVE

We do all in Jesus' name.

HEAVENLY THINGS

"Paul urged the Colossian Christians to continue in Him (2:6-7), not being deceived by vain philosophies (2:8-10). Since believers are identified with Christ, they are not to live under Jewish laws (2:11-17), for that would only rob them of their rewards (2:18-19). They have died with Christ and hence need not submit to legalistic rules (2:20-23). They have also been raised with Christ, so they should set their hearts on heavenly things (3:1-4), put to death sinful worldly practices (3:5-11), and clothe themselves with Christ's virtues (3:12-17), which in turn should affect relationships with other members."

—Norman L. Geisler  
"Colossians" in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*

PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that we purposefully respond to God's grace.

# Session 9: Purposeful

1. Read Colossians 3:5-8.

- Why are believers instructed to put to death the earthly nature if they have already died and their lives are hidden in Christ (verse 3)? (See also Romans 6:11-12 and 8:12-13.)
- How can a Christian practically put to death the earthly nature? What role does the Spirit play in this effort (see also Romans 8:13)?
- Why does Paul instruct believers in verses 1-2 to "set your minds on things above, and not earthly things?"

2. Read Colossians 3:9-11.

- Why do you think God uses a metaphor of "putting on" clothing to communicate how Christians can live a holy life? (see also Ephesians 4:22-24 and Galatians 3:27-28)
- What does it mean that "You are being renewed..."? (See also 2 Corinthians 5:17)
- How can you "put on" Christ daily as a follower of God?

3. Read Colossians 3:12-14.

- How does (or should) our position in Christ influence our behavior? (see also Colossians 3:1-2)
- What are believers to clothe themselves with?

4. Read Colossians 3:15-17.

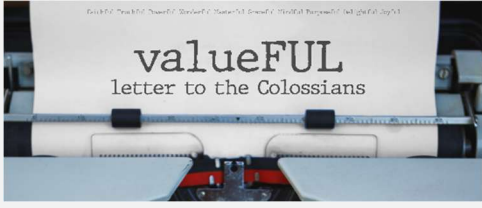
- How can we tether our hearts to God's will?
- What outcome do we expect when the gospel dwells richly among us as the people of God?
- How does being obedient to God impact our daily walk with Him, and the lives of those around us?



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GROUP DISCUSSION



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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:18-4:6

KEY IDEAS

THEME

Paul describes our various responses to life relationships. Since our minds are set on things above, it leads naturally to these kinds of responses. We are kind and thoughtful in the home, at work, and with non-Christians. We also respond to the Lord by engaging in continual conversation with Him.

OBJECTIVE

We are delightful in our responses to life.

RELATIONAL PEOPLE

“Now this is our calling. A Christian is not just called to be an independent, solely existing individual, who cultivates between himself and God a relationship independent of anyone else – not at all. If he has truly a relationship with God, it’s going to have social ramifications. We don’t need to suffer from the anonymity and the immorality and the loneliness and the emptiness of the world, because in Christ, all that’s covered, and we become social beings. We become relational people.”

—John MacArthur  
“The New Man Makes a New Home”,  
*Grace to You*

PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that we relate delightfully to one another.

## Session 10: Delightful

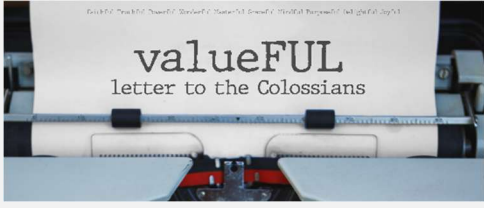
1. Read Colossians 3:18-4:6. This passage is often misunderstood to be about roles in life. But Paul is addressing our responses to relationships rather than our roles.
  - What is the difference between reacting to people versus responding according to your pledge or promise to those people?
  - In what kinds of situations are you most tempted to react instead of respond?
2. In verses 3:18-21, Paul addresses wives, husbands, children, and parents in terms of how they respond to one another.
  - Which of these relationships is hardest for you to respond to in a Christlike manner? Why?
  - How would reverence, self-offering, and humility (from the Greek *hypotassō*) reshape that relationship?
3. In verses 3:22-4:1, Paul reframes work as ultimately being done for the Lord rather than for people.
  - What does it practically look like to “work from the heart, as for the Lord” in your current responsibilities?
  - How does this perspective challenge “people-pleasing” or frustration with difficult authority?
4. In verses 4:2-6, Paul connects wise living with prayer and gracious speech.
  - How might a more prayerful life change the way you respond to daily situations?
  - What does it mean to have speech that is gracious and seasoned with salt?
  - Share an example of how a prayer or gracious conversation positively impacted one of your relationships.



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SERIES 2 | SESSION 11

GROUP DISCUSSION



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VALUE

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 4:7-18

KEY IDEAS

THEME

Paul wraps up his letter with joyful, encouraging, and insightful comments. Reading of these brethren we are inspired and drawn to imitate their positive traits.

OBJECTIVE

We are faithful slaves of Christ.

BOUND TOGETHER

“Paul’s new communities, Christian churches, were meant to be bound together by the love of Christ, following Christ’s command to love one another. Whatever divisions there might be in the community, whatever diversity of gifts the Holy Spirit might have given them, Christ’s love would overcome selfishness and bring unity.”

—James Hankins

*The Golden Thread: A History of the Western Tradition*

STATEMENT OF THE THEME

Value runs through the thought of Colossians:

- The believer in Jesus has value (Colossians 1:13)
- The Christian should live by God’s values (Colossians 1:9-12)
- The Christian creates value in society (Colossians 3:23)

PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that we live by God’s values.

# Session 11: Joyful

1. Paul ends his letter with encouraging comments about several people who created value in the church and community. Read about some of the following people (as many as time allows) and discuss how each of them created value.

- **Tychicus** - a leader of the church and a bearer of this letter (see Colossians 4:7-8, Ephesians 6:21, 2 Timothy 4:12, and Titus 3:12).
- **Onesimus** - a converted runaway slave of Philemon whose name means “useful” (see Colossians 4:9 and Philemon 1-25).
- **Aristarchus** - a Thessalonian who accompanied Paul on his third missionary journey (see Colossians 4:10-11, Acts 19:29-39, and Acts 20:2-5).
- **Mark, aka John Mark** - the cousin of Barnabas, who was a companion on Paul’s first missionary journey (see Colossians 4:10-11, Acts 12:12-17, 25, Acts 15:36-40, 2 Timothy 4:11, and 1 Peter 5:13)
- **Jesus, aka Justus** - a Jew, and a loyal companion of Paul (see Colossians 4:10-11, Acts 1:23, and Acts 18:7).
- **Epaphrus** - a native of Colossae who evangelized the city; a prayer warrior, and mature servant (see Colossians 4:12-13 and 1:7-8).
- **Luke** - a doctor and faithful companion of Paul (see Colossians 4:14, 2 Timothy 4:10, Acts 1:1)
- **Archippus** - a contemporary of Paul whom the apostle encouraged to fulfill his ministry and referred to as a “fellow soldier” (see Colossians 4:17 and Philemon 2)

2. Think about those servants who create value in your church and community. Share an example of how you or someone you know lives by God’s values and creates value.

3. Review the *Statement of the Theme* for the VALUEful series (located in the sidebar).

- What have you learned in this series?
- If you are able, share how you create value, or how God is leading you to create value.

