

Colossians 1

- 1) What other epistle does this one most resemble?
- 2) What was Paul's physical circumstance when he wrote this letter? (as with Ephesians, Philippians & Philemon - see Col. 4:18; 1:24)
- 3) Both Paul and Timothy are mentioned in the introduction (v. 1), but how is Paul described differently from Timothy?
- 4) Who was Paul and Colossae's "fellow-servant?" What did he do for Paul and the Colossians?
- 5) Paul's prayers for the Colossians were composed of two parts: *thanksgiving* and *petitions*. List:
 - a) The things for which Paul was "thankful" (4-6):
 - b) The things for which Paul "asked" (9):
- 6) Verse 10 speaks of walking "worthy of the Lord." (*Note: We should not confuse "walking worthy of the Lord" with the notion of being worthy of the Lord's sacrifice - they are not the same!*) Verses 10 and 12 mention 3 ways that this can be done. What are they?

- 7) According to verses 11, 12 & 13, what has God done for us?
- 8) From verses 14, 20 & 21, what role does Christ play in redemption?
- 9) As the “image” of God, what is seen in the nature of Christ? (*hint: John 14:9*)
- 10) Jehovah’s Witnesses and others argue that the phrase “firstborn of all creation” proves that Jesus was a created being? How are they wrong? What does the term really mean?
- 11) What works are attributed to Christ in verses 16 & 17?
- 12) Of what is Christ the “head?”
- a) What terms are used interchangeably in verses 18 and 24? (*hint: Christ is the head of it*)
- 13) According to verse 28, what two types of instruction are involved in gospel preaching?