

**April 11, 2021**

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### **Overview of Colossians**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and our \_\_\_\_\_ in Him. (Chapters 1-2)
2. Practical instructions for \_\_\_\_\_ that identity. (Chapters 3-4)
3. The principle of \_\_\_\_\_. The Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19-20)

**God uses bars to create \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Be complete: Become the whole person God intends you to be."*

~ Warren W. Wiersbe

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1. What was most challenging about this week's message? What were some key takeaways?
2. Why does Paul start many epistles with his gratitude toward the church he is writing to?
3. What kind of tone does he set for the rest of the book?
4. We learned that, most likely, Paul never visited the church in Colossae. What does that say about Paul's ministry?
  - How should that challenge us as a church?
  - What opportunities do you have to share Christ with others, either through word or actions or both?
  - Have you seen results of your efforts at work in places that you have never visited?
5. What were some of the positive things that Paul said about the Colossians Christians?
  - What are some specific things you can do to be more encouraging to others?
6. Who was Epaphras?
  - What did you learn about him from this message?
  - Did God challenge you from what you learned about Epaphras' character?
7. We learned from the life of Paul, Timothy, and Epaphras that God uses bars to create openings. What are some "bars" that are in your life right now?
  - Have you seen God create openings between those bars? If so, explain.
  - If not, pray and ask Him to reveal to you His will that you may see Him working through the difficult situation you are going through. Also, pray that you will see the openings He is creating, and maybe already has created, for you.