**A Journey through the Bible**

**Colossians**

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Part 1

Introduction

Why do you think the letter was written?

1. Paul's role with this church — chapter 2:1
2. Epaphras — chapter 4:12-13

I. Some Theological Thoughts about the Church   
Gnosticism = to know

A. Concerning Christ — His deity — chapter 1:15-18

His adequacy

Chapter 2:9-10

B. Concerning the heavenly bodies and angels — chapter 2:8, 18

1. Chapter 1:28 — "Complete in Christ"
2. Chapter 2:2 — "True knowledge of God's mystery"
3. Chapter 2:10 — "Complete in Him"

C. Concerning living day to day — chapter 3:5-8a

D. Concerning asceticism — chapter 2:20-21, 23

asceticism — one who leads a self-denying life for religions purposes

II. Historically