

## The Bible - Week 41 (October 24th)

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# Colossians

**Author:** Paul

**Date:** Still in Paul's imprisonment in Rome, early 60's

**Audience:** the church at Colossae, another gentile majority church

**Reason:** Again, to correct some of the false teachings of who Jesus was, especially the deity of Jesus.

**Theme:** Our fullness is in Jesus

**Key Verse:**

**Colossians 2:9-10 CEB**

All the fullness of deity lives in Christ's body. And you have been filled by him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

**Sections:** Fullness of Christ (Ch 1-2), New Life in Jesus (Ch 3-4)

**Key Words:** Fullness, Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith

**Basic Intro:** Much like Philippians, Paul is hearing second hand of the trouble in a church and he is using his authority and writing skills to re-direct people back onto a good path.

**Questions for Discussion:**

• **Have you or the church ever tried to add to the work you must do as a Christian because you/we could not accept the simplicity of our relationship with Jesus?**

- **In what ways does the establishment of religion make faith difficult? What ways does it help?**
- **What are some of the characteristics of Christ that stood out to you while reading this book?**
- **Identity is huge, the old self is gone and the new self is put on. Who are you today?**