

COLOSSIANS

Proclaiming the
Supremacy of Christ

OUTLINE OF COLOSSIANS

1. Introduction and prayers (1:1-14)
2. The supremacy of Christ and Paul's work proclaiming Him (1:15-2:5)
3. Encouragement to hold firmly to Christ and a warning about false spirituality (2:6-23)
4. Instructions about new life in Christ and the renewed relationships it produces (3:1-4:6)
5. Closing greetings (4:7-18)

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TODAY: COLOSSIANS 2: 11-15

TREASURE YOUR RICHES IN CHRIST

Let no-one hijack you from riches in Christ

1. *You already have* the fullness of Christ
2. *You already have* fellowship with Christ
(Aside: relation of baptism to circumcision)
3. *You already have* freedom through Christ

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