

# Colossians Complete Amplified Outline

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- I. Introduction (1:1-14)
  - A. Salutation (1:1-2)
    - 1. The author (1:1)
    - 2. The recipients and blessing (1:2)
  - B. Thanksgiving (1:3-8)
    - 1. The reason (1:3-5)
    - 2. The source (1:6-8)
  - C. Supplication (1:9-14)
    - 1. For proper knowledge (1:9)
    - 2. For proper conduct (1:10-14)
      - a. Fruitfulness and knowledge (1:10)
      - b. Strength (1:11)
      - c. Giving thanks (1:12-14)
        - (1) Inheritance (1:12)
        - (2) Deliverance and transference (1:13-14)
- II. Doctrinal: the doctrine of those in Christ (1:15—2:3)
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    - 1. In relation to God: the image and the firstborn (1:15)
    - 2. In relation to creation (1:16-17)
      - a. The creator (1:16)
      - b. The preexistent one and the sustainer (1:17)
    - 3. In relation to the church (1:18)
  - B. The work of Christ (1:19-2:3)
    - 1. The nature (1:19-20)
      - a. In relation to the Father (1:19)
      - b. In relation to the creation (1:20)
    - 2. The goal (1:21-23)
      - a. Past alienation (1:21)
      - b. Present reconciliation and future presentation (1:22-23)
    - 3. The proclamation (1:24-2:3)
      - a. Suffering for it (1:24-25)
      - b. Content of it (1:26-27)
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- III. Polemical: the defense of those in Christ (2:4—3:4)
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    - 2. The progressive walk of believers (2:5-7)
    - 3. The strategy of false teachers (2:8)
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    - 1. The position of the believer (2:9-10)
    - 2. The circumcision of the believer (2:11)
    - 3. The baptism of the believer (2:12)
    - 4. The resurrection of the believer (2:13-15)
  - C. Exhortation of the believers (2:16—3:4)
    - 1. Negatively (2:16-23)
      - a. Avoid legalism (2:16-17)
      - b. Avoid mysticism (2:18-19)
      - c. Avoid asceticism (2:20-23)
    - 2. Positively (3:1-4)
      - a. Seek the things above (3:1)
      - b. Set your mind on things above (3:2-4)

- (1) The command (3:2)
  - (2) The cause (3:3-4)
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  - A. In the personal life (3:5-17)
    - 1. Negatively (3:5-11)
      - a. Consider yourself as dead to sin (3:5-7)
      - b. Put off the actions of the old man (3:8)
      - c. The reason (3:9-11)
        - (1) Such actions have already been laid aside (3:9)
        - (2) The new man has already been put on (3:10-11)
    - 2. Positively (3:12-17)
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      - 1. The command and manner (4:2)
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      - 1. His character and mission (4:7-8)
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