

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

(Colossians 1:1-2)

I. AN INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

A. The *writer* (v. 1)

1. His name was _____, which means _____ or _____ one.
2. His authority was that of an _____, directly commissioned from _____ by the will of God.
3. The writer's companion was _____, who was a _____.

B. The *recipients* (v. 2a)

1. Their group identification was that of _____ and _____.
2. Their spiritual position was “_____.”
3. Their geographical location was the city of _____, in Asia Minor.

C. Paul's *greeting* (v. 2b)

1. The Gentile greeting: “_____ to you”
2. The Jewish greeting: “_____ from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

D. The ***date*** of this letter is approximately AD _____ and it was written while under house arrest during Paul's _____ imprisonment in _____.

E. The ***theme*** of this letter is the _____ and the Preeminence of _____.

F. The ***false teaching*** addressed in this Epistle...

1. Human Philosophy

2. Ritualistic Legalism

3. Spiritual Mysticism

4. Personal Asceticism

* Why is this letter to the Colossians so relevant today?

* What is the solution to all of this?

* How does all of this personally apply to you today?