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## **Tuesday Bible Study: Colossians / September 28, 2021**

### **Opening Prayer Resource:**

*Pocket Book of Prayers, Compiled & Edited by Mark Gilroy; Fall River Press*

“Christ be with Me” – Saint Patrick (387-late fifth century)

### **Outline**

*Colossians & Philemon: 8 Studies for Individuals and Groups: N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides; InterVarsity Press*

**1:15-29** Christ Supreme

*The Lutheran Study Bible; Concordia Publishing House*

**15-23** The Preeminence of Christ

**24-29** Paul’s Ministry to the Church

### **15-20**

- *Excerpts from the Nicene Creed*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,*

*The only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,*

*God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God...*

*He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.*

*The Mighty & The Mysterious: A Study of Colossians by Heidi Goehmann; Concordia Publishing House*

One of the prominent false teachings in Colossae before Paul sent his letter was that Jesus could be either God or man, but not both. Even though Paul and the other apostles in the New Testament addressed these issues, such false teachings did not die out. Eventually, Christians formed the Nicene Creed as a definitive response.

*Link to more information on the Council of Nicea*

<https://orthodoxsundayschool.org/book/export/html/555>

*Paul & the Prison Epistles – The Smart Guide to the Bible Series; by Kathy Collard Miller; Thomas Nelson*

“The biblical and continuing vision of Jesus was of one who made all of created reality and kept it working literally ‘holding it all together’ (Col. 1:17). And today we think people are smart who make light bulbs and computer chips and rockets out of ‘stuff’ already provided! He made the ‘stuff’!” – Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*

*The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Colossians & Philemon* by John MacArthur;  
The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago

To be **complete, or mature**, is to be *more* like Christ ... Christians move toward maturity by feeding on God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The Colossian heretics believed that perfection was only for the elite, a view shared by many others throughout history... In contrast, Christ offers spiritual maturity to every man and woman.

### **Questions for Personal Reflection**

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InterVarsity Press

If we are to grow as Christians, increasing in wisdom, power, patience and thanksgiving, we need to know above all what the Colossians needed to know: *the centrality and supremacy of Jesus Christ*.

What are the implications of the centrality and supremacy of Christ for your home and family life? For your work and/or volunteer life? Or for your church or your life as a citizen?

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Have you ever wondered, "What in the world is God's plan for my life?" In Colossians 1:21-27, we see where God's master plan touches His plans for each of our lives.

What changes or curveballs in your life bring up the question, "What is God's plan for me?"

**Memory Verses**     *The Lutheran Study Bible*, Concordia Publishing House

1:15-20     Hymn of Christ