



A Study of Colossians

INTRODUCTION

Do the heavenly bodies have any influence over our lives? The millions of people who consult their horoscopes each day would say, “Yes!” In the United States, there are about 1,750 daily newspapers, and 1,220 of them carry astrological data!

Is there any relationship between diet and spiritual living?

Does God speak to us immediately, in our minds, or only through His Word, the Bible?

Do the Eastern religions have something to offer Christians today?

These questions sound very contemporary. Yet they are the very issues Paul dealt with in his magnificent Epistle to the Colossians. We need this important letter today just as they needed it back in A.D. 60 when Paul wrote it.

The City

Take a look at your maps and notice the location of two other cities near Colossae. They were _____ and _____. (4:13, 16)

The city of Colossae was located on a trade route from east to west. Notice on your map the route that Paul took from Antioch of Pisidia to Ephesus. What cities did he pass through? _____ and _____

The Church

How did Paul know about the church in Colossae? (1:4, 9) He had _____ of their _____

How did the church begin? (1:7, Acts 19:10, Philemon 19) _____

Where did it meet? (Philemon 2) _____ house.

The Crisis

Who informed Paul of the crisis? (1:7) _____

What were the four causes of the crisis facing the church in Colossae? 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

The Correspondence

How did Paul send the letter to Colossae and who did he send it with? (4:7-9, 12-13, Eph. 6:21) _____

What other letters were sent with the letter to the Colossians? (4:7-9, Eph. 6:21)

_____ and _____

Paul shows the supremacy of Christ in the three areas that had attacked the church. (2:8) Can you deduce who or what was behind the attack? 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____