

## First and Foremost: JESUS CHRIST

### Introduction to a Study on Colossians

#### 1. The City of Colosse

a. Location – Colossians 4:13, 16

b. Reputation

(1.) Hierapolis

(2.) Laodicea

(3.) Colosse

c. Occupants

(1.) Gentiles

(2.) Jews

#### 2. The Church at Colosse – Colossians 1:1-2

a. Beginnings – Colossians 2:1, 1:4-8, 4:12-13

b. Members – Colossians 4

(1.) Epaphras – Colossians 4:12-13, Philemon 23

(2.) Philemon, Apphia, and Archippus – Colossians 4;  
Philemon 1-2, 10-17

(3.) Onesimus – Philemon 1-25; Colossians 4:7-9

#### 3. The Problems at Colosse – Colossians 2:18-19

a. The Report

(1.) News brought to Paul – Colossians 1:3-8, 2:5

(2.) A two-fold “peril” – Colossians 2:8

b. The Problems

(1.) paganism – Colossians 3:5-11

(2.) the “Colossian Heresy” – Colossians 2:8, 16-17, 23

(a.) denying the all-sufficiency of Jesus Christ

(b.) Jewish ceremonialism

(c.) angel worship

(d.) asceticism

#### 4. The Presentation of Jesus Christ – Colossians 1:15-20

