

Christ In The Church

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▲▲ *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. ▼▼*

—Colossians 1:1-2 (NIV)

The Main Thing: Jesus Christ the Son of God is the starting point in talking about the church.

When We Start With Christ in the Church Because...

1. Our Identity Matters.

- We are In Christ and Christ is in us (1:2, 27)
- We are in the kingdom of the Son (1:13)
- We are the body of Christ (1:18)
- We are growing to maturity in Christ (1:28)
- We live in Christ (2:6-7)
- Centrality, Supremacy, and Reality is in Christ (v. 2:9-10, 17)
- Christ is our life (3:4)

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—Colossians 1:2 (NIV)

▲▲ *For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ▼▼*

—Colossians 1:13 (NIV)

▲▲ *And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ▼▼*

—Colossians 1:18 (NIV)

▲▲ *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,*

continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ▮▮

—Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

▮▮ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ▮▮

—Colossians 2:9-10 (NIV)

▮▮ These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. ▮▮

—Colossians 2:17 (NIV)

▮▮ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ▮▮

—Colossians 3:4 (NIV)

2. Our Location Matters.

- In Colosse (v. 1:2a)
- In Fort Worth - on the ground!
- In the Kingdom of the Son (1:13)
- In Community with Others

3. Our Actions Matter.

The Ethic of LOVE...

▮▮ Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ▮▮

—John 17:24 (NIV)

▮▮ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ▮▮

—Colossians 1:28 (NIV)