

Questions on Colossians chapter 1

1. Who is the co-sender of this epistle and how is he described? What two terms does Paul use to describe the Colossians? Verses 1-2.

2. How did Paul express his thanks? When did he give thanks for the Colossians? What two things had Paul heard about the Colossians? Verses 3-4.

3. What had the Colossians heard and where did they hear it? Verse 5.

4. What was it that came to all the world, even the Colossians, and what was the result of it? Verse 6.

5. Who taught the Colossians the gospel? What is the meaning of the word “minister”? Verse 7.

6. What was it about the Colossians that was declared to Paul? Verse 8.

7. What did Paul not cease to do after hearing about the Colossians? What two things did he pray for them? Verses 9-10.

8. What four phrases describe the worthy walk Paul prays for the Colossians? Verses 10-12.

9. What is the “power of darkness”? What is the meaning of “translated”? What is the kingdom of God’s dear Son? Verse 13.

10. What is the meaning of redemption? How does Paul define redemption? Verse 14.

11. How may we see what the invisible God is like? Does the title firstborn have to do with time or priority? Is Christ described as the firstborn of all creation because he was the first thing created or because he created all things? Verse 15.

12. Where are the created things located? What are some of the invisible things that were created? Verse 16.

13. How far back did Christ exist? What does the word “consist” mean? Verse 17.

14. What is Christ’s relation to the church? Of what is he the beginning? Why is he called the firstborn from the dead? Weren’t others raised earlier? Verse 18.

15. What was it that was well-pleasing to the Father and everyone else? Verse 19.

16. What is the meaning of “reconcile”? Since reconciliation includes “all things . . . in earth,” does that mean all men on earth will be reconciled or that God has adopted a plan to reconcile all things to himself? Verse 20.

17. What was our mental attitude before we were reconciled? What caused this mental attitude? Verse 21.

18. What is referred to by the phrase, “in the body of his flesh through death”? How does Christ want us to be presented? Verse 22.

19. Upon what condition, if any, will we be presented to Christ? At Paul's writing, where had the gospel been preached? Verse 23.

20. What was Paul's attitude in his suffering? For whose sake did he feel it necessary to fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in his flesh? Verse 24.

21. How is the word of God described in these verses? What is the meaning of the word "mystery" and to whom was the mystery made known? Verses 25-26.

22. Among what people was the mystery made known? What is the mystery said to be? Verse 27.

23. What two types of speaking accompanied Paul's preaching? What was the goal of Paul's teaching? Verse 28.

24. What worked within Paul? Verse 29.