



THEMES OF THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

- 1. The Supremacy of Christ**
- 2. The Fullness of Christ**
- 3. Spiritual Growth and Maturity**
- 4. Warning Against False Teachings**
- 5. Christian Conduct**
- 6. Unity in the Body of Christ (BOC)**

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WARNING AGAINST FALSE TEACHINGS

Colossians 2:8:

Matthew 7:15-20:

2 Peter 2:1-3:

1 John 4:1:

2 Timothy 4:3-4:

Galatians 1:6-9:

Acts 20:29-30:

Final conclusion:

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CHRISTIAN CONDUCT

Colossians 3:1-17:

Romans 12:9-21:

Galatians 5:22-23:

Ephesians 4:1-3:

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22:

1 Peter 2:11-12:

James 1:19-27:

Final conclusion:

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UNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST (BOC)

Colossians 3:11:

1 Corinthians 12:12-27:

Ephesians 4:3-6:

John 17:20-23:

Romans 12:4-5:

Colossians 3:14-15:

Final conclusion:

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PRACTICAL GUIDELINES TO SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

- Be honest: Use up-front techniques; be Spirit-led, and wait on God's timing
- Based in relationship: Don't miss God-given opportunities to meet people at their need; build relationships; present Christ first through your life; present Christ according to God's Word and for what He has done for you (this is your testimony)
- False advertising: Don't promise others that having Christ in their lives will make their lives a fairy tale; no one lives a trouble-free life in this world; He does, however, promise to be with us throughout every aspect of our lives

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ON WHAT ITEMS SHOULD WE FOCUS WHEN TALKING TO OTHERS ABOUT GOD...

- When God created us, He intended there to be a fellowship between Him and you
 - This fellowship fills the void that we all have in our lives
- Because of sin, we have all been separated from God
 - Free will caused this sin
- The only bridge is the cross
 - Jesus, God's Son, was the sinless sacrifice
 - He died and then rose again, defeating death

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ON WHAT ITEMS SHOULD WE FOCUS WHEN TALKING TO OTHERS ABOUT GOD...

- We have a choice
 - We can choose to receive God's gift of eternal and abundant life OR
 - We can reject Him and continue to live a life apart from Him
 - If we reject Him, we will be condemned to Hell for all eternity

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THE ELEVATOR SPEECH

- What is an Elevator Speech?
- Take the points on the previous two slides and discuss in your group how you would go about creating an Elevator Speech to win someone to Christ?
 - You don't want to minimize the importance of this conversation.
 - You probably will have a relationship with this person; how does this affect what you might say?

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PRAYER JOYS/ CONCERNS
