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What is the book of Colossians?

- The book of Colossians is a letter from Paul. Timothy helped Paul write it.
- Paul was in prison when he wrote this letter. It's thought that he wrote it around the year AD 60.

Who was Colossians written to?

- To the believers in the city of Colossae. Some were Jews but most were Gentiles.
- The letter was read out loud in the churches all around the area of Colossae.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that Colossians shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

Why was Colossians written?

- To tell the Colossian believers how Paul was doing while he was in prison.
- To oppose teachers who were teaching things that weren't true.
- To teach believers how to live their new life in Christ.

Main ideas

- Jesus Christ is Lord of everything that exists.
- All teachings that don't announce Jesus as Lord are false.
- Believers live a new way of life because of Christ.

Outline

Greetings and prayer (1:1-14).

Who Christ is (1:15-23).

Paul's work among the Gentiles (1:24 – 2:5).

Believers are complete in Jesus Christ (2:6-23).

Living a new life in Christ (3:1 – 4:1).

Final greetings (4:2-18).