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EXAMINING THE COLOSSIAN EPISTLE

- Particulars** Col 1:1-2) Written to? _____ By whom? _____ and _____ There is evidence in (4:10) that indicates the origin of this epistle. “_____ *my fellowprisoner* _____ *you.*” Paul is a prisoner in Rome. The time is about 62 AD. Paul’s fellow prisoners: (Col 4:10) _____ (Phile 23) _____
- John Mark** Jewish name: John; Roman name: Marcus. John Mark began the first evangelistic tour but left Paul and his kinsman (Barnabas) at Perga (Acts 13:13). He is the author of the gospel of Mark. He is (Col 4:10) “*Marcus, sister’s _____ to Barnabas.*” Paul *refused* to take Mark on the *second evangelistic journey* (Acts 15:36-39). From this point Barnabas and Paul embarked on what was to be a lifetime of separate ministries. Paul wrote the Colossians, “*if he come unto you, receive him.*” Scripture? _____ It is heartwarming that Paul regards Mark highly in later years (See: Phile 24; 2 Tim 4:11). Peter refers to Mark as (1 Pet 5:13) his _____.
- Tychicus** Who delivered the epistle (4:7-8)? _____ Who accompanied him (V9)? _____ Tychicus delivered another letter. Explain (Eph 1:1; 6:21) _____
- Sharing The Letter** The Colossian letter was to be read to what other church (4:16)? _____ Paul’s letters were shared by several churches. (1 Cor 1:2) “*Unto the church of _____ which is at _____, to them that are _____ in Christ Jesus, called to be _____, with all that in _____ call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both _____ and _____.*”
- Purpose Of The Epistle** Three *extreme* doctrinal positions had emerged at Colossae. False teachers were teaching (a) all matter is evil, (b) the human body is matter, (c) therefore the human body is evil and God could not have created man. Is this a *materialistic* approach? _____
- Proposition No. One** Only by rigorous self-denial of the body could one be saved. Paul answered (2:20-23), “*Wherefore if ye be _____ with Christ from the _____ of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye _____ to ordinances, (_____ not; _____ not; _____ not; Which all are to _____ with the using;) after the _____ and _____ of men?”* (Eccl 3:12-13) “*And also that every man should _____ and _____, and enjoy _____ of all his _____, it is the _____ of God.*”
- Proposition No. Two** No incarnation of Christ is possible since the fleshly body is evil. What does *incarnation* mean? _____ This denies (Mat 1:23) the virgin birth: “*Behold, a _____ shall be with _____, and shall bring forth a _____, and they shall _____ his name _____, which being interpreted is, God _____ us.*”
- Proposition No. Three** Since the body is completely evil, there will be no accounting. Paul said (Col 3:5-6), “*Mortify therefore your _____ which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, ordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and _____, which is idolatry: For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the _____ of disobedience.*”