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A Study of Colossians

A historical map of the Mediterranean region showing the locations of the Seven Churches mentioned in the Book of Revelation. The map includes the coastlines of Europe, Africa, and Asia Minor. Seven red location pins are placed on the map, each accompanied by a city name. Starting from the top left and moving clockwise, the cities are: Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Colossae, Laodicea, Ephesus, and Smyrna. The map also shows the names of several rivers and regions, such as the Tigris, Euphrates, and Persian Gulf.

Pergamos

Smyrna

Ephesus

Laodicea

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia

Colossae

We have GOT TO keep
our eyes looking UP

and focused on Jesus!

Colossians 3:2 MSG

“Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that’s where the action is.”

It's not so much the
doctrine that makes
Colossians special.
It's the DIMENSION.



You have to look outside the
box to find the answer!





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Springing Up – Colossians 1:1-8



The seed of the Gospel will take root,
it will spring up, and it will grow
& bear fruit around the world!

1) The church in Colossae
sprang up from a man
named Epaphras

(v 7)





54-56AD: Paul in Ephesus / Acts 19:10



56AD: Epaphras plants church in Colossae



60-62AD: Paul imprisoned in Rome



62AD: Paul writes Col / Eph / Philemon

2) Faith and Love spring up from HOPE*



(vv 3-6)

* NOT hope in the
things of this world.
We have to look UP.

Romans 8:23-25 NLT

We wait with **eager hope** for the day when God will give us our full rights as His adopted children, including the new bodies He has promised us. We were **given this hope** when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)

Romans 15:13 NIV

May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace as you
trust in Him, so that you may
overflow with hope by the
power of the Holy Spirit.

3) Global fruitfulness and God's grace spring up from the Gospel

(v 6)



- ~ Think dimension
- ~ Remember Philemon

Rejoice!

- ~ We are God's holy & faithful saints
- ~ We are "in Christ" & in His body
- ~ We have peace (shalom), the well-being that results from the divine grace and presence of God
- ~ Faith & Love flow from our HOPE!

Look around.

Look up.

