

Practice Questions on the Contents of the letter to the Colossians and the Location of the City

Use these questions to help you review the contents of the letter and some basic information about the location of the city of Colossae. Much of this material was not covered in the assigned readings apart from the Bible itself. You will need to review the biblical text to answer some questions. More questions may be added to this file before the exam.

- Which of the following best describes **the city of Colossae**?
 - The city was smaller than most of the cities to which the undisputed letters of Paul were written. Colossae lay about 100 miles east of Ephesus in the province of Asia.
 - Colossae was a prosperous merchant city on the coast of the province of Asia. It was one of the largest cities Paul ever visited.
 - Colossae was the third largest city in Macedonia. With Philippi and Thessalonica nearby, there was little chance for Colossae to develop as a regional economic power.
- What scholars sometimes call the **Christ Hymn** in Colossians begins with the statement, “He is the image of the invisible God...” and continues with a series of assertions praising the power and preeminence of Christ. Where is this passage found?
 - 1:15—20
 - 2:20—23
 - 3:18—4:1
- Which of the following best describes **the mystery** as it is defined in the letter to the **Colossians**?
 - Jews and Gentiles can worship together in the same church.
 - Christ, your hope of glory, lives in you.
 - The church is one body.
- Rather than speaking of “things of the spirit” and “things of the flesh” as in the undisputed letters of Paul, the author of Colossians speaks of
 - The children of hope and the children of desolation
 - Things of the light and things of darkness
 - Things above and things below
- Where is the household code found in the letter to the Colossians?
 - 1:15—20
 - 2:20—23
 - 3:18—4:1
- What is a household code?
 - A document to be displayed over the doorway of one’s house at certain holy times of year
 - A set of curses against evil spirits that might threaten the home
 - A list of responsibilities of various members of the household
 - A set of blessings to be read when a new household is formed