

Review

		<i>Review Word Bank</i>
Supplication	Application	Interpretation
Supplication	Observation	Principlization

- _____
 - Praying to the Lord for the aptitude to both read and understand his Word.
- _____
 - The gathering of information in the text by means of reading
- _____
 - The conclusion or consequence of the information gathered through observation; the act of understanding.
- _____
 - The process of determining what in Scripture is descriptive (as in, what is being described) and prescriptive (as in, what is being prescribed – think pharmacy).
- _____
 - The process of considering how what Scripture prescribes applies to your life.
- _____
 - Praying to the Lord for the strength to allow His Word to transform you through the application of the principle, knowing that you are helpless to do so without him

The Book of Colossians

Preparing to Study

- The book of Colossians was chosen for two reasons:
 - *First*, because it prominently features _____, his work on the _____ and its implications.
 - Second, as we will discuss, the text addresses the problem of smorgasbord _____.

Colossians 1:1-14

- Step 1: Supplication
- Steps 2-5
 - Recommendation: If possible, try reading through the entire letter in one sitting.
 - *1 Cor. 1:1-14*
 - vv. 1-2
 - What kind of letter is this? _____
 - Who wrote this letter? _____ and _____

Step 2
 Steps 3-5

- To Whom is the letter written? “ _____ ”

- How does Paul greet believers at Colossae? “ _____ ”

- “To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae”
 - Why is Paul describing the believers this way?
 - Paul is _____ the Colossian church with something.
- “Grace to you and peace from God our Father”
 - Before you even begin reading, you have been freely given _____ and _____ in Christ.
- vv. 3-8
 - What is Paul doing in this section? *Giving* _____.
 - Why is Paul thankful? *Paul is thanking God* _____ of the Colossian’s _____ in Jesus Christ.
 - Do we have any indication about when Paul wrote this?
 - Verse _____ tells us that we are after Christ and that some time has passed since his _____.
 - **Group Exercise:**
 - Read 1 Cor. 13:13 and Col. 1:3-8.
 - What connections exist between these two passages?

 - Why does Paul use these three words here in Colossians?

 - Jumping forward to Chapter 2...
 - Chapter 2 informs us that a growing _____ is emerging in the Colossian church.
 - But the Colossians have remained faithful, as their behavior is described with Paul’s three virtuous characteristics: _____, _____ and _____.
- vv. 9-10
 - Knowledge, spiritual _____, and understanding are all ours for the asking. We must simply ask for it.
 - Paul is reminding the Colossians that the highest source of knowledge – the only source of spiritual wisdom and understanding – is in _____
- vv. 11-14
 - Christ is _____ over all things
 - Similarly, as we discussed at the beginning, light is supreme over darkness.
 - v. 14 – by clinging to Christ and his cross, we cling to _____.

• Step 6: Supplication