Colossians Test

2026

Write a 500-word essay on just 2 of the following 5 topics. (1000 words total.) *The aim is to teach someone else what you have learned from these lectures. Think of it this way, someone at your church asks you, "What was the most important thing you learned from Colossians?" How would you answer? Please use material that was given from the lectures in Colossians. Use quotes, cross references or illustrations to make your points. Do not use just any passages from the bible to make your point, but the material we covered in class. You may use your notes and your bibles.* ***You will be graded on the following points:***

1. ***Did you use the material we covered in the Colossian lectures and did you demonstrate that in your essay?*** *(20 points)*
2. ***Were your answers personal and practical? Did you give examples from your own life as to why these 2 lessons were important to you?*** *(20 points)*
3. ***Were you clear in the presentation of your thoughts?*** *(10 points)*

You may write your essay in English or German. Each essay will be worth 50 points. The test is worth a total of 100 points.

Please choose only 2 of the following 5 topics to write on:

1. *Paul speaks about the nature of the word of God and what it is able to do in the life of man in chapter 1. Explain the picture he uses when referring to the work of the word of God and how this is demonstrated in his preaching of the gospel.*
2. *Paul speaks about prayer in the letter to the Colossians, both in chapter one and four. What are the main lessons we learn from his emphasis on prayer and what can we learn from his prayer for the Colossian church? We also spent time speaking about how to discern whether or not a desire in our heart is ours or His. How can we tell the difference?*
3. *Paul speaks clearly about his own sufferings in chapter one. How does he view his sufferings in relation to Christ and other people? What perspective does he teach us when we face times of suffering?*
4. *Paul speaks about a mystery in chapter one and then how to walk in Christ in chapter two. What is the mystery in chapter one and how do we walk in Christ based on his teaching in chapter two.*
5. *Paul speaks of three problems in the Colossian church in chapter two. Which one of the three problems was most familiar to you and why? What is his answer to the problem which you chose and how can you apply this to your life?*

The test will be on Monday, Oct. 5. Please write your name in the upper right-hand corner, write the number of words for each of your answers and place it in the tray at the front of the lecture hall.