



INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING A MEMORY BOOKLET:

1. Print the file of cards. You may want to print the cover (above) separately on card stock in color.
2. Cut each card apart.
3. Purchase a small blank booklet, approximately 3x5 inches in size.

Small blank booklets are available through Amazon at:

http://www.amazon.com/Moleskine-Ruled-Cahier-Journal-Pocket/dp/8883704894/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1345418700&sr=8-1&keywords=pocket+journal

4. Glue the cover onto the front of the booklet so that it opens upward. A glue stick works well.
5. Glue the first card of the memory booklet on the white page facing you as you open the book. Continue gluing the memory cards onto the back and front of each page in the booklet, all oriented the same direction. Be sure to keep them in order by week number.

This memory system is designed to help you memorize a book or portion of the Bible in one year, 52 weeks. You can start anytime during the year. If it takes you longer than 52 weeks, that is fine, too. The process is as valuable as the completion. The date line is for you to enter the date on which you begin to work on a particular card. The hearts are to be filled in, one for each day of the week, as you complete the assignment. They show your progress at “hiding God’s word in your heart.” At the end of each chapter (or section) there is a week or two for review and a place to record things you are learning or applying.

**THEREFORE. AS YOU RECEIVED
CHRIST JESUS THE LORD.
SO WALK IN HIM.
ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM
AND ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH.
JUST AS YOU WERE TAUGHT.
ABOUNDING IN THANKSGIVING.**

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

This Memory Program is dedicated to the women of New Life Church with whom I have had the privilege of living, learning, and loving for the past 29 years. May we grow deeper this year, firmly rooting ourselves in Christ, walking by faith, and overflowing in thanksgiving.

This memory booklet contains the book of Colossians from the ESV Bible to be memorized, meditated upon, and applied over the course of one year, 52 weeks. One card is to be completed each week. Each card includes verses to review and 1 new verses to learn. You can start anytime during the year, and if you get behind, just pick up where you left off and press on. On the date line, enter the date on which you begin to work on a particular card. Fill in a heart each day of the week as you complete the assignment. They show your progress at “hiding God’s word in your heart.” At the end of each chapter is a week or two for review and application. May our efforts in God’s word cause us to more fully know, speak, and live the gospel.

Marcia Reavely, December 2015

"I have a burden for my people right now,
just like I do for myself,
that we get beyond propositions and Bible verses to Christ.
I do not mean ‘get around’ Bible verses,
but ‘through’ Bible verses to Christ,
to the person, the living person,
to know Him, cherish Him, treasure Him, enjoy Him,
trust Him, be at home with Him.
I want to count Him more to be desired than all other things —
wife, husband, children, success in career, leisure,
vacations, health, food, sex, money.
He’s more precious.”

John Piper

“It is to be feared that there are some who profess religion with an appearance of strictness, who never separate themselves from all other occasions, to meditate on Christ and his glory; and yet, with a strange inconsistency of apprehensions, they will profess that they desire nothing more than to behold his glory in heaven for ever. But it is evident, even in the light of reason, that these things are irreconcilable. It is impossible that he who never meditates with delight on the glory of Christ here in this world, who labors not to behold it by faith as it is revealed in the Scripture, should ever have any real gracious desire to behold it in heaven. They may love and desire the fruition of their own imaginations; – they cannot do so of the glory of Christ, whereof they are ignorant, and wherewith they are unacquainted. It is, therefore, to be lamented that men can find time for, and have inclinations to think and meditate on, other things, it may be earthly and vain; but have neither heart, nor inclination, nor leisure, to meditate on this glorious object.”

John Owen

1. *Conformity to Christ* - Bible memorization has the effect of making our gaze on Jesus steadier and clearer.
2. *Daily triumph over sin and Satan* - As sin lures the body into sinful action, we call to mind a Christ-revealing word of Scripture and slay the temptation with the superior worth and beauty of Christ over what sin offers. When Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness he recited Scripture from memory and put Satan to flight.
3. *Comfort and counsel for people you love* - When the heart full of God's love can draw on the mind full of god's word, timely blessings flow from the mouth.
4. *Communicating the gospel to unbelievers* - Actual verses of the Bible have their own penetrating power. And when they come from our heart, as well as from the Book, the witness is given that they are precious enough to learn.
5. *Communion with God in the enjoyment of His person and ways* – The way we commune with God is by meditating on his attributes and expressing to him our thanks and admiration and love, and seeking his help to live a life that reflects the value of these attributes.

Why Memorize Scripture by John Piper

Go to “Look at the Book” for ways to mark and study each passage
<http://www.desiringgod.org/labs>

“This practice of memorizing the Scriptures is more important than a daily quiet time, for as we fill our minds with these great passages and have them available for our meditation, ‘quiet time’ takes over the entirety of our lives.

God's word to Joshua, as he undertook the great task before him, was, “This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.” (Josh. 1:8, NASB)....

But how does the law get in your mouth? By memorization, of course. It becomes an essential part of how we think about everything else as we dwell on it...**This is the true education for ministry and for life.”**

Dallas Willard

1. *Review old verses:* Always give priority in your mind to the retaining of old verses even over the learning of new ones. You should begin every day's work with review of old verses.
2. *Repetition over time:* The absolute key to successful scripture memorization is repetition over a long time period. This is how you retain old verses while learning new ones.
3. *Memorize the verse numbers:* Memorize the verse numbers as if they were part of each verse. This will help prevent you from dropping out verses or even whole paragraphs when you're reciting the book all the way through. Don't short-cut this discipline! It actually makes memorization easier in the long run!
4. *Photograph the verses with your eyes:* Read each new verse ten times, covering each word as though photographing it with your eyes. Burn each verse into your brain with your eyes.

5. *Say it out loud:* Another help in memorizing is to say the verse out loud to yourself. This helps the memorization process. It doesn't have to be very loud, just loud enough so you can hear it. Also, try putting some feeling and interpretation into reciting the verses... this is actually a form of meditation on the verses as you are learning them.
6. *Recite the entire book from memory for 100 consecutive days:* If you have done your work well, after about the second week you probably won't even need the Bible anywhere near you while reciting. This can be done anywhere... It will add no extra time to your busy schedule!
7. *Weed the garden:* Simply take one of your Monday morning times after the 100 days (perhaps every other month) and just read the book by sight all the way through. This will correct errors... thus "weed the garden."

Practical helps from Andy Davis

(Others recommend not memorizing verse numbers. Take your pick.)

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Week 1:

Learn Colossians 1:1-2

Date _____



Colossians 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

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Week 2:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1:1-2



Learn Colossians 1:3-4



Colossians 1:3-4

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,

⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,

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Week 3:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1:1-4



Learn Colossians 1:5-6



Colossians 1:5-6

⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,

⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing-- as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,

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Week 4:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1:1-6



Learn Colossians 1:7-8



Colossians 1:7-8

⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf

⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

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Week 5:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1:1-8



Learn Colossians 1:9-10



Colossians 1:9-10

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

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Week 6:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1:1-10



Learn Colossians 1:11-12



Colossians 1:11-12

¹¹ May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,

¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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Week 7:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1:1-12



Learn Colossians 1:13-14



Colossians 1:13-14

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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Week 8:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1:1-14



Learn Colossians 1:15-16



Colossians 1:15-16

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through him and for him.

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Week 9:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1:1-16



Learn Colossians 1:17-18



Colossians 1:17-18

¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

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Week 10:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1: 1-18



Learn Colossians 1:19-20



Colossians 1:19-20

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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Week 11:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1:1-20



Learn Colossians 1:21-22



Colossians 1:21-22

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

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Week 12:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1:1-22



Learn Colossians 1:23-24



Colossians 1:23-24

²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

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Week 13:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1:1-24



Learn Colossians 1:25-26



Colossians 1:25-26

²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,

²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints

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Week 14:

Review Colossians 1:1-26

Learn Colossians 1:27-29

Date _____



Colossians 1:27-29

²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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Week 15:

Review Colossians 1

Date _____



Review Colossians 1

See Jesus in Colossians 1:

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Week 16:

Review Colossians 1:1-29

Learn Colossians 2:1-2

Date _____



Colossians 2:1-2

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face,

² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,

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Week 17:

Date _____

Review Colossians 2:1-2



Learn Colossians 2:3-4



Colossians 2:3-4

³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments.

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Week 18:

Date _____

Review Colossians 2:1-4



Learn Colossians 2:5-6



Colossians 2:5-6

⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,

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Week 19:

Date _____

Review Colossians 2:1-6



Learn Colossians 2:7-8



Colossians 2:7-8

⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

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Week 20:

Date _____

Review Colossians 2:1-8



Learn Colossians 2:9-10



Colossians 2:9-10

⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

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Week 21:

Date _____

Review Colossians 2:1-10



Learn Colossians 2:11-12



Colossians 2:11-12

¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

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Week 22:

Date _____

Review Colossians 2:1-12



Learn Colossians 2:13-14



Colossians 2:13-14

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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Week 23:

Date _____

Review Colossians 2:1-14



Learn Colossians 2:15-16



Colossians 2:15-16

¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.

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Week 24:

Date _____

Review Colossians 2:1-16



Learn Colossians 2:17-18



Colossians 2:17-18

¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind,

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Week 25:

Date _____

Review Colossians 2:1-18



Learn Colossians 2:19-20



Colossians 2:19-20

¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations--

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Week 26:

Date _____

Review Colossians 2:1-20



Learn Colossians 2:21-23



Colossians 2:21-23

²¹ "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch"

²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)-- according to human precepts and teachings?

²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

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Week 27:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1-2



Review Colossians 1-2

See Jesus in Colossians 2:

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Week 28:

Date _____

Review Colossians 2:1-23



Learn Colossians 3:1-2



Colossians 3:1-2

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

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Week 29:

Date _____

Review Colossians 3:1-2



Learn Colossians 3:3-4



Colossians 3:3-4

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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Week 30:

Date _____

Review Colossians 3:1-4



Learn Colossians 3:5-6



Colossians 3:5-6

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

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Week 31:

Date _____

Review Colossians 3:1-6



Learn Colossians 3:7-8



Colossians 3:7-8

⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

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Week 32:

Date _____

Review Colossians 3:1-8



Learn Colossians 3:9-10



Colossians 3:9-10

⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices

¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

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Week 33:

Date _____

Review Colossians 3:1-10



Learn Colossians 3:11-12



Colossians 3:11-12

¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

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Week 34:

Date _____

Review Colossians 3:1-12



Learn Colossians 3:13-14



Colossians 3:13-14

¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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Week 35:

Date _____

Review Colossians 3:1-14



Learn Colossians 3:15-16



Colossians 3:15-16

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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Week 36:

Date _____

Review Colossians 3:1-16



Learn Colossians 3:17-18



Colossians 3:17-18

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

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Week 37:

Date _____

Review Colossians 3:1-18



Learn Colossians 3: 19-20



Colossians 3:19-20

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

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Week 38:

Date _____

Review Colossians 3:1-20



Learn Colossians 3:21-22



Colossians 3:21-22

²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

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Week 39:

Date _____

Review Colossians 3:1-22



Learn Colossians 3:23-25



Colossians 3:23-25

²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

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Week 40:

Date _____

Review Colossians 3



Review Colossians 3

See Jesus in Colossians 3:

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Week 41:

Review Colossians 1-3

Date _____



Review Colossians 1-3

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Week 42:

Review Colossians 3

Learn Colossians 4:1-2

Date _____



Colossians 4:1-2

Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

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Week 43:

Review Colossians 4:1-2

Learn Colossians 4:3-4

Date _____



Colossians 4:3-4

³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison--

⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

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Week 44:

Date _____

Review Colossians 4:1-4



Learn Colossians 4:5-6



Colossians 4:5-6

⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.

⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

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Week 45:

Date _____

Review Colossians 4:1-6



Learn Colossians 4:7-8



Colossians 4:7-8

⁷ Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord.

⁸ I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts,

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Week 46:

Date _____

Review Colossians 4:1-8



Learn Colossians 4:9-10



Colossians 4:9-10

⁹ and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

¹⁰ Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions-- if he comes to you, welcome him),

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Week 47:

Date _____

Review Colossians 4:1-10



Learn Colossians 4:11-12



Colossians 4:11-12

¹¹ and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.

¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.

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Week 48:

Date _____

Review Colossians 4:1-12



Learn Colossians 4:13-14



Colossians 4:13-14

¹³ For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis.

¹⁴ Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas.

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Week 49:

Date _____

Review Colossians 4:1-14



Learn Colossians 4:15-16



Colossians 4:15-16

¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

¹⁶ And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea.

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Week 50:

Date _____

Review Colossians 4:1-16



Learn Colossians 4:17-18



Colossians 4:17-18

¹⁷ And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord."

¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

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Week 51:

Date _____

Review Colossians 4



Review Colossians 4

See Jesus in Colossians 4:

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Week 52:

Date _____

Review Colossians 1-4



Review Colossians 1-4