

**Lifting Up Christ In Colossians**  
**An Introduction To the Letter**  
**“Once Upon a Time In a City Near Near By”**

**Take Comfort that God Loves Every Church In His Son’s Body**

**1. Our City and Our Church Are A Lot Like the City of Collosae and the Colossian Church**

**a. Colossae was an important city Until...**

**b. The church was not founded by...**

**Col 2:1**  
**1:7 & Acts 19:1 – 8-9**

**3. The church was predominantly...**

**Col 1:21, 27, 2:13**

**2. The Letter to the Colossians Was Written to Deal With Very Real Problems**

**Their view of Christ – 1”15-19**

**Their philosophical conceit – 2:4, 8**

**Their Jewish Legalism – 2:8, 11, 16, 3:11**

**Their preoccupation with spirits – 2:18 & 20**

**Their exclusive attitude – 1:20, 28, 3:11**

**3. The Letter’s Approach To the Problems Serves As a Model For Us**

**Lift up Christ- 1:15-22**

**Base Practical obedience upon clearly taught doctrine Col 3:1ff**

**Teach the treatment of others by showing God’s dealings with us – Col 3:12- 4:1**

**4. This Letter Is Important To Us because We Are Threatened By These Very Errors**