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### **Colossians Foundational Guide**

1. Written by the Apostle Paul in Chapter (1) verse (1). It was written in 60-61 A.D. (Fee & Stuart, 2002).
2. In Chapter (1) Verse (5), the Gospel is clearly distinguished as the Word of Truth. Searching the Scripture is a core requirement. Notice this, in Chapter (1) Verse (6) God is so thorough that the Word of Truth will also come unto the entire world by hearing and knowing of God's Great Grace through the strength of Testimony "...since the day ye heard of it...". (King James Version).
3. In Chapter (1) Verse (17) the jointness of God is very thorough "And he [The God-Man] is before all things, and by him all things consist" (King James Version). The Godhead is discussed in Chapter (2), The Father, The Son [The God-Man], The Holy Spirit. The God-Man is Jesus Christ or what is known as the Mystery of the Indwelling Christ made known.
4. Colossians was written to correct erroneous teachings of the Word of Truth. For illustration, God made mankind to reach higher heights and, on the one hand, the "rules" were too restrictive like food laws and, on the other hand, the "rules" lacked the wisdom to curtail sensual extravagance (Fee & Stuart, 2002). God fulfilled all of the law, but certainly did not do away with the law. God enabled mankind the ability to reach higher heights of creation that is within the will of God.

References Fee, G. D. & Stuart, D. (2002). *How to read the bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan

It is highly encouraged to refer to the source reference for more specifics.