



Largo-Seminole Women's Bible Study  
*Colossians 1*

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**Paul's prayer requests for them:**

- that they would "be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding" (James 1:5)
- that they would "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord"

"walk" = conduct in life

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**"Worthy walk":**

- pleasing Him in all respects: upward
- bearing fruit in every good work: outward
- increasing in the knowledge of God: inward
- strengthened by Him: empowered
- steadfastness, patience, joy: attitude in service
- giving thanks to the Father: recognizing what He has done for us!

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"The knowledge that we will inherit the restored earth should free us from the present pursuit of material possessions. Someday we will receive far more than we could ever gain in this life." John MacArthur

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I Peter 1:3-4: "...our Lord Jesus Christ, Who...has caused us to be born again to a living hope...to obtain **an inheritance** which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, **reserved in heaven for you.**"

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II Tim 2:25b-26 "...God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of **the devil, having been held captive by him** to do his will."

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Col 1: 15: "image of the invisible God"  
EIKON = image or likeness; an exact representation and revelation  
"Image of God" denotes the eternal Son's perfect equality with the Father in respect of His substance, nature, and eternity.

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"In His essence, **God is invisible, but Jesus Christ has revealed Him to us.**" W Wiersbe

"...Jesus Christ is the perfect, absolutely accurate image of God. **He did not become the image of God at the incarnation, but has been that from all eternity.**" J MacArthur

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“The incarnation did not create visibility: it only displayed it....It is the Son’s uncreated, inherent, self-subsisting nature to be what He is—**the visible representation of God.**”

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**“firstborn of creation”**

PROTOKOS = refers primarily to preeminence in position or rank; meaning of first importance, of first rank

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The relation of Christ to God the Father:  
*“the image of the invisible God”*

The relation of Christ to creation:  
*“the firstborn of creation”*

The relation of Christ to His church:  
*“the head of the body, the church.”*

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**Col 1:23 “if indeed you continue...”**

“If, as the case is, you continue in the faith...”

“Seeing that you continue...”

“Since you continue...”

“Inasmuch as you continue...”

→all indicate an assurance of the fact

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**Lessons from Colossians 1:**

1. Need for encouragement and prayer for fellow believers.  
Col 1:1-3, ff
2. Pray, not only for physical needs, but for spiritual growth.  
Col 1:9-11
3. As believers, we represent the Lord and ought to walk in a manner worthy of Him. Col 1:10
4. The position we have in Christ: part of His kingdom, share in His inheritance, redeemed, forgiven, reconciled, holy, and blameless! Col 1:12-13, 20-22
5. The preeminence of Christ over all else! Col 1:15-23