

## The Cosmic Christ

### Two Key Questions

1) \_\_\_\_\_ ... Is \_\_\_\_\_?

That is because you are older, Little One. Not because you are bigger. Every year you grow, you will find me bigger.

(C.S. Lewis, *Prince Caspian*)

2) How \_\_\_\_\_ ... Is Your \_\_\_\_\_?

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

(Colossians 3:9-10)



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## message notes

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Colossians 1:1

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## The Return

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### *The Letter of Colossians*

#### ⇒ *Who Wrote It?*

Acts 9:1-31, Acts 16:1-3

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, . . . (Colossians 1:1-2)

#### ⇒ *Who Started This Church?*

This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord. (Acts 19:10)

You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. (Colossians 1:7-8)

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. . . . Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, . . . After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea. (Colossians 4:12-13, 15-16)

#### ⇒ *Where Is Paul?*

My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings. (Colossians 4:10)

Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. (Philemon 1:23-24)

#### ⇒ *Why Did He Write It?*

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. (Colossians 2:8)

#### ⇒ *What Is The Message?*

In whom [Christ] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:3)

In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. (Colossians 2:9-10)

#### ⇒ *Who Delivered It?*

Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here. (Colossians 4:7-9)