Interesting Facts About Colossians

AUTHOR: Paul
TIME WRITTEN: In A.D. 60-61 from Rome during 1st Roman imprisonment

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:
- 51st Book in the Bible
- 12th Book in the New Testament
- 7th of 21 Epistle Books (Romans - Jude)
- 8th of Paul’s 13 books
- 15 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 4
VERSES: 95
WORDS: 1,998

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT COLOSSIANS:
- The Book of Ephesians is one of four “Prison Epistles,” so titled because they were written by the apostle while he was a Roman prisoner in Rome at the time they were written. The four “Prison Epistles are:
  - Ephesians
  - Colossians
  - Philippians
  - Philemon
- The church at Colosse was established by Epaphras
- At the time of the Colossians letter, Paul had not visited Colosse
- The Colossian letter was sent from Rome to Colosse by Tychicus and the converted slave, Onesimus.
- While the Book of Ephesians focuses on the Body (the Church), Colossians focuses on the Head (Christ).
- Colossians is indeed a Christ-centered book:
  - Christ - 19 times
  - Christ Jesus - 3 times
  - Lord - 8 times
  - Lord Jesus Christ - 2 times
  - He, Him, His - 30 times

- Whom - 4 times
- Firstborn - 2 times
- The head - 2 times
- The Son - 1 times
- Master - 1 time

According to Colossians 4:16, Paul wanted the Colossian letter read to the surrounding congregations around Colosse.

In the Book of Colossians, 55 Greek words are used that do not appear in any other of Paul's epistles.

The city of Colosse:
- Was located about 100 miles east of Ephesus.
- Was located in the region of the Seven Churches of Asia.
- Was a populous commerce center, famous for its glossy black wool.

“Buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.”

Colossians 2:12