

# Colossians Series

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A landscape photograph showing a range of mountains in the background, some with snow. In the middle ground, there are several hills and a line of trees, possibly an orchard. The foreground is a field of dry, brown grass. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

# **COLOSSIANS: Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

**Peace:  
Inner Guide or External  
Standard?  
Colossians 3:15**

**A study by contrast:**

**Jesus often taught this way:**

**You have heard it said... [statement of a common false or misleading interpretation] (Matt. 5:20–21, 27–28, 31–32, 33–34, 38–39, 43–44)**

**But I say unto you... [corrected interpretation of Scripture]**

## **You have heard it said....**

- **That God has a perfect will for every decision in our lives**
- **That we should live in the “center” of God’s will**
- **That God reveals to us precisely what this will is**
- **And that one of the keys to discerning this will in an inner state of peace or tranquility when that decision is made.**



**After starting a new diet I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and as I approached, there in the window were a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed... “Lord, it’s up to you, if you want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery.” And sure enough, on the eighth time around the block, there it was! God is so good!**

**But I say to you...**

- **This is not biblical**
- **This is a form of mysticism**

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**βραβεύω *brabeuō*  
pres act impera 3 sing  
to arbitrate; to act like a  
judge or umpire**

**Eph. 2:14, “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,**

**Eph. 2:15, “having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,**

**Eph. 2:16, “and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.**

**Eph. 2:17, “And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.”**

**Eph. 4:1, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,**

**Eph. 4:2, “with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,**

**Eph. 4:3, “endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

**Eph. 4:4, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;”**

**Col. 2:2, “that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,”**

**Col. 1:18, “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”**

**Col. 1:24, “I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,”**

**Col. 1:20, “and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.**

**Col. 1:21, “And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled**

**Col. 1:22, “in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—”**