

1. **Greeting: “Grace to you, and peace” 1:1-2**

1.

Author: Jesus Christ sent Paul to you 1

2.

Recipients: You are Christ's church 2a

3.

Greeting: Grace to you, and peace 2b

4. **Receiving Christ: Christian Fundamentals 1:3-2:5**

1. **Be Encouraged by Your Past Conversion & Progress in**

# Christ, Who Provides: Life-Giving Hope 3-8

1.

This hope gives you faith and love 3-5a

2.

You heard of this hope in the gospel. So remember... 5b-8

1.

...When the gospel came to you

## 6a

2.

...The gospel's fruitfulness in all the world 6b

3.

...Your growth in your faith 6c

4.

...Your growth in your love 7

## **5. Trusting Christ for Your Future, Pray to be Filled 9-14**

**1.**

With a knowledge of God's will 9

**2.**

# To walk worthy of the Lord 10-14

1.

To grow in good works &  
knowledge 10b

2.

To be strengthened to  
endure 11

3.

To give thanks for being  
qualified 12, delivered and  
transferred 13, and  
redeemed 14

**4. Recognize that:  
Jesus Christ is Lord 15-20**

1.

Jesus is Lord over all creation

15-16

1.

In divinity & priority 15

2.

Because He created all  
things 16

3.

Central summary 17-18a

4.

Jesus is Lord of salvation



# 18b-20

1.

In its production 18b

2.

In its product 19-20

# **3. Recognize Your Need for Growth: Reconciliation Accomplished must be Applied 21-23**

1.

Reconciliation accompli  
shed

# 21-22

1.

You      once were  
alienated 21

2.

But      now have been  
reconciled 22

3.

Must be applied 23

1.

In the endurance of  
faith – stable, steadfast,  
not shifting 23a

## 2.

In the hope of the  
gospel – God reconciles  
through conversion,  
missions, and ministry  
23b

# **3. The Pattern of A Christian on Display in Paul: “ So Walk in Him ” 1:24-2:5**

**1.**

**I will rejoice to suffer  
for the church v. 24**

2.

I will serve the  
church with the gifts  
God has given me v.  
25

3.

I will grow in my  
knowledge of the  
gospel v. 26

4.

I will further the  
proclamation of the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ  
v. 27



5.

I will pursue every  
member's  
sanctification v. 28

6.

I will work hard at

this in God's strength  
v. 29

7.

I will pray for the  
members of the  
church v. 1

8.

I will pray for their  
spiritual maturity vv.  
2-3

9.

I will not be led away  
from Christ v. 4

10.

I will rejoice in the  
church's unity and  
faithfulness v. 5

# **11. Walking in Christ: Implementing Christian Growth 2:6-4:18**

## **1. BRIDGE: Exhortation: “**

**As you have  
received Christ,  
so walk in Him  
” 2:6-7**

**2. Overview:  
The Central  
Contrast: A**

# **Worldview According to Christ 2:8-10**

**1.**

**Non-Christian  
worldview: Do**

not be taken  
captive by a  
worldview that is  
according to the  
world 8

1.



# Its method of capture (ethics): Philosophy and empty deception 8a

## 2.

# Its source (epistemology): The traditions of men 8b

3.

Its ultimate  
basis  
(metaphysics):  
The basic  
principles of the  
world 8c

4.

Christian  
worldview:  
Instead, you  
need a  
worldview that is

# according to Christ 9-10

1.

Metaphysically:  
A Christian is

# centered on Christ 9

2.

Epistemological  
y: A Christian

is filled with  
Christ 10a

3.

Ethically: A  
Christian is ruled

# by Christ 10b

## 4. You



# **Need to be Freed from A Non-Christian Worldview 2:11-23**

## **1. Metaphysi**

# **cally: A Heart Freed by Christ Is A Heart... 11-15**

**1.**

# Metaphysically: Freed from the principle of sin 11-12

1.

# Through (heart-) circumcision 11

2.

# Through baptism ( = regeneration/un ion with Christ) 12

3.

Epistemological  
ly: Freed  
from the guilt of  
sin 13b-14

4.

Ethically: Freed  
from the pow  
er of  
sin inside you

13a and  
outside you 15

## 5. Epistemo



# **logically: A Mind Freed by Christ Is A Mind... 16-19**

**1.**

# Metaphysically: Freed from error: Jewish legalism & pagan religion 16, 18

1.

# Jewish legalism 16

2.

# Pagan religion 18

3.

Epistemologica  
lly: Devoted  
to Christ 17,  
19a

1.

Not to  
ceremonies &  
self-righteousn  
ess, but a

# spiritual relationship with Christ 17

2.

Not to  
speculation &  
lies, but Christ  
and His  
wisdom 19a



3.

Ethically:  
Growing in  
Christ's  
wisdom 19b-d

1.

The place  
of growth:  
Growing in His  
body 19b

2.

The means  
of growth:  
Growing in His  
nourishment &

# fellowship 19c

3.

The nature  
of growth:

# Growing in His godliness 19d

# **4. Ethically: A Life Freed by Christ Is A Life... 20-23**

1.

Metaphysically  
: Freed from  
the basic  
principles of  
the world

# 20

## 1.

The fact  
20a



2.

The  
implication 20b

3.

Epistemologic  
ally: Freed  
from human  
regulations

# 21-22

1.

Their  
nature 21

2.

Their  
evaluation 22

1.

Their  
focus: attempt  
to solve  
enduring  
spiritual

# problems with perishable physical solutions 22a

2.

Their  
origin: man  
rather than  
God 22b

3.

Ethically:  
Freed from



# slavery to the flesh 23

1.

The lie  
about their  
reputation 23a  
and methods  
23b: Victory!

2.

The truth  
about their  
reputation 23c  
and methods  
23d: Defeat!

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# **3. You Need A Christian Worldview 3:1-4:18**

## **1.**

# Metaph

## ysically:

# Christian

# Character

# 3:1-17

# 1. The Ground of Christian Character: “ Set your mind on

# things above

” 1-4

1.

# Metaphysicall



y: Seek th  
e things  
that are  
above 1

1.

Ground:  
Union  
with Christ 1a

2.

Exhortation:  
Seek! 1b

3.

Location:

Heaven

1c

# 4.

# Epistemologi

cally: Set  
your mind on  
things above  
2

5.

Ethically:  
Because  
your life is  
hid with

# Christ, and Christ is your life 3-4



1.

This  
union has  
begun 3

2.

This  
union will be  
completed 4

# 3. Put

# Off the Old Man 5-11

1. Individu  
ally: Put  
Evil Desires

# to Death (love of self) 5-7

1.

Metaphysically:  
What: Evil  
(deeds 5a  
stemming  
from) desires  
5b

2.

Epistemologi  
cally: Why:  
God's

# evaluation and response: Wrath! 6



3.

Ethically:  
How: Your  
walk 7a and  
your life 7b

# 4. Socially

## : Put

## Away S

# **ocial Sins**

## **(hatred of fellow man) in 3 Aspects... 8-11**

1.

Metaphysically: Their co  
re  
: Hatred 8

2.

# Epistemologic ally: Their expression : Lies 9-10

3.

Ethically:

Their effe

cts :

Superficial

# distinctions/di visions 1 1

# 4. Put On the New Man 12-17

1. Individu  
ally: Put



# On Christian Virtues (selfless love) 12-14

1.

# (Ground: Christian identity 12a)

2.

# Metaphysically: Virtues 12b

3.

# Epistemologic ally: Reconciliation (forebear or forgive) 13

4.

Ethically:  
Bound  
together in  
love 14

# **5. Socially: Express Christian Virtues by...**

# (thankful blessing) 15-17

1.

# Metaphysically

# : Peace and thankfulness in church 15

2.



# Epistemologic ally: Biblical worship (teaching man, praising God) 16

3.

Ethically:  
Whatever  
you do 17

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# **4. Epistemologically: Christian Relationship s 3:18-4:1**

# **1. Wives and Husbands 3:18-19**

# **2. Children and**

# Fathers

## 3:20-21

# 3. Slaves and Masters

## 3:22-4:1

# **4. Ethically : Christian Community 4:2-18**

## **1. Christia**

# n Witness

## 2-6

## 2. Christia

# n

# Greetings



# 7-18

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# Discussion Questions:

1.

What position  
does Christ  
occupy in the  
flow of the  
main points in  
1:3-2:5?

2.

How do the  
Christian and  
non-Christian  
worldviews dif

fer

? What  
Christian  
things replace  
non-Christian  
things when

you become a  
Christian?  
Consider  
especially the  
summary  
contrasts in

2:8-10, and  
details in ch.  
2.

3.



Extra credit:  
What do the  
Christian and  
non-Christian  
worldviews  
share in com

mon

? Consider

Psalms 19:1-3;

Rom. 1:18-21.

4.

According to  
3:5-11, what “  
basic  
principles  
” “live” at the  
center of an

unbelieving  
life? What  
things live at  
the center of  
a believer's  
life? (3:12b)

How do these  
come to  
expression  
in people's  
relationships  
(3:18-4:1)? In

their life in  
their  
community  
(4:2-18)?

5.

Explain how  
Paul's  
critique in ch.  
2 fits one

# non-Christian worldview, and what parts of the Christian worldview



would be  
distinctively  
better than  
that  
non-Christian  
worldview.

Example  
worldviews to  
consider: m  
aterialism,  
hedonism,  
asceticism,

atheism,  
secular  
science,  
Islam,  
Hinduism,  
Confucianism

,

# Mormonism.