

# THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

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**The Message of the Book:** *To warn the Colossian believers of erroneous teachings and to encourage them to remain steadfast in Christ, that they might mature in their new life in preparation for their eventual presentation before God.*