

Dear ECC Family

In this New Year, we will be exploring God's truth and searching out God's gems in the Book of Colossians!

Over the course of the next 10 weeks or so, we will be unpacking this important and personal letter from Paul to a small fledging new church. Who were they? Where did they live? Why did Paul write to them and what was on his heart to say to them? To make the letter more intriguing, Paul had never met these believers. How did he get to hear about them? Who do they know in common?

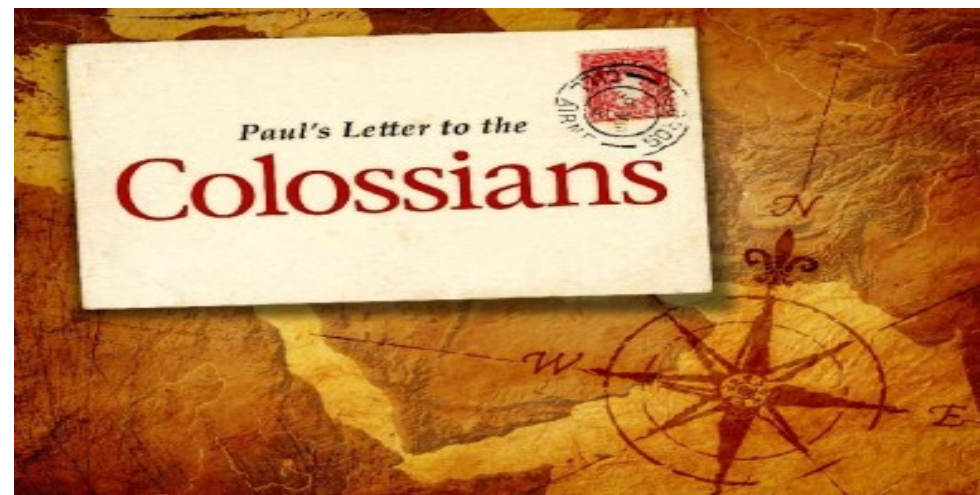
God the Father inspired Paul, through the Holy Spirit, to write this letter to them and, at the same time, to all Christians everywhere. What can we take away that is applicable to us today in 2016 in Abu Dhabi? What spiritual truths does God reveal from heaven for us to understand? Together we will unfold the pages and reflect on what information God chooses to reveal.

I would like to challenge you to join me in reading Colossians every day for the 10 weeks we explore it together. The letter was written as a whole, so it is very helpful to read it as a whole. It takes 8 minutes to read. I timed it - only 8 minutes. My prayer is that the truths would saturate our minds and sink deeply into our hearts. Having the big picture will allow us to understand the context of the smaller chunks that we explore in our services. I believe God will reveal new and fresh insights to each of us as we commit ourselves to this study. That is a joyful thought!

To help those who would like to participate, I include a daily reading chart to check off each day - just a small tool to remind us to take the 8 minutes each day to read through the letter. I would also ask that as you open your Bible to read Colossians, pray for understanding from the Holy Spirit and say a quick prayer for everyone else in our Family reading it that morning. Pray for God's blessing on our church and on His word.

To go deeper takes time and effort. It is well worth the investment!

Pastor Kevin



My Colossians Reading Chart

	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th
Week 1							
Week 2							
Week 3							
Week 4							
Week 5							
Week 6							
Week 7							
Week 8							
Week 9							
Week 10							