

Week of October 18, 2026

Speaker: Pastor John

COLOSSIANS

WEEK ONE

My Jesus is over my everything.

BIG IDEA

FILL IN FROM SUNDAY'S MESSAGE

01 DROP ANCHOR

1. What's the best (or worst) "one weird trick" ad you've ever seen? Have you ever fallen for one?
2. Where in life are you most tempted to look for a shortcut: money, health, relationships or faith?

02 SERMON CONNECTION

3. Pastor John said the secret to the Christian life isn't a hack. It's a Person. Why is that such good news?
4. Have you ever been completely sure about something in your faith and later realized you'd gotten it wrong? What helped you see it?
5. "If I cooperate with Jesus, I'll be consecrated by Jesus." What does cooperating with Him look like on an ordinary Tuesday?

SERMON NOTES

03 DIGGING DEEPER

Grace Comes First

COLOSSIANS 1:1-2

"To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father." COLOSSIANS 1:2

- ◇ Paul is about to confront some serious error, but he opens by calling them "saints." Why does it matter to know who you are in Christ before you hear correction?
- ◇ What's the danger of rules without grace? How can that look spiritual but leave people empty?

The Real Secret

COLOSSIANS 1:26-27

"Christ in you, the hope of glory." COLOSSIANS 1:27

- ◇ The "mystery" Paul reveals isn't a technique. It's a Person living in you. How is that different from a spiritual hack?
- ◇ Why are we drawn to secret knowledge or extra rules instead of Jesus Himself?
- ◇ What would change this week if you really believed Christ lives in you?

03 DIGGING DEEPER, CONT.

Spotting Counterfeits

COLOSSIANS 2:6-10 · 4:6

“And you have been filled in Him.” COLOSSIANS 2:10

- ◇ Most counterfeits sell “Jesus plus”: plus rules, plus secret knowledge, plus a new word from God. Which “plus” are you most likely to fall for?
- ◇ Paul measures everything against Christ (2:8). Ask: Does this lead me deeper into Christ, or add something to Him? How could you use that test on the books, podcasts and teachers you learn from?
- ◇ Where does our culture pressure us to edit God’s Word to fit the times? How do we hold to the truth and still speak with grace (4:6)?

Over My Everything

COLOSSIANS 1:15-18

“That in everything He might be preeminent.” COLOSSIANS 1:18

- ◇ What’s the difference between Jesus being *in* your life and Jesus being *over* it?
- ◇ Pastor John named marriage, suffering and addiction. Which part of your “everything” are you most tempted to run without Him?

BRINGING IT TOGETHER · TRUST + OBEY

Cooperate or Resist?

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

- ◇ God works in you “both to will and to work for His good pleasure.” What would cooperating with Him look like in the area you just named?
- ◇ Pastor John gave three responses: do nothing, be here to hear, or hear and obey. Honestly, which one describes you right now?

04 TAKING IT HOME

Pick one next step this week: read all of Colossians (four short chapters), memorize Colossians 1:27, or tell someone in your group about the one area of your life you’ve been running on your own.

MY NEXT STEP

WHEN

WHO’LL ASK ME

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

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