

## NT 321 Prison Epistles

### Learning Tasks for Week 9

In your response, do not write out the scripture/verse. Paraphrase the verse and use a parenthetical reference. Example: Through Paul's teaching to the believers in Ephesus, he shares that the work of ministry in a local community of faith should never be limited to the pastor (Eph. 4:11-12).

**Learning Task 1:** In 5 sentences, share how you have benefitted from Paul's letter to the church at Colossae.

**Learning Task 2:** Read pages (138-149)

**Learning Task 3:** In 3 sentences, share the theme of Colossians.

**Learning Task 4:** For this prompt, answer the following questions that help to provide an understanding of Colossians:

- Paul wrote Colossians, but how did he know about these believers? Had he ever visited this city on any of his missionary journeys? Who planted the church in Colossae?
- Colossians was written around what time?
- Was Colossians a small or large city?
- How was the church at Colossae a diverse church?
- What three ways Colossians is like Ephesians?
- How is Colossians different from Ephesians?
- What was the two-fold purpose of Colossians?
- How would you divide Colossians regarding the questions "what?" and "so what?"

**Learning Task 5:** Look at the chart on page 141 and fill in the blanks for the 6 characteristics of the Colossian Heresy.

**Learning Task 6:** In 5 sentences, share how "in Christ" and "Colossae" relates to 2 locations and how you would apply the locations to your life.

**Learning Task 7:** Share the 3 reasons why Paul thanked God for the Colossians. Write a summary sentence for each of the three reasons.

**Learning Task 8:** Share the 2 principles in Paul's prayer for the Colossians and how you apply these 2 principles to your life.

**Learning Task 9:** In 5 sentences, share why McGhee says that "Christianity is not just an intersection where we meet Jesus...."

**Learning Task 10:** Share 4 ways that Paul says we are to please the Lord and provide a summary statement for each of the 4 sections.

**Please note the following:**

- Before submitting your Week 9 Learning Tasks for the Week 9 Quiz 9, review and reread your responses for grammatical errors, clarity, and correct in-text citations for information taken from the course textbook (only cite the page number). Correct in-text citation is required when using information from other sources (e.g., Crenshaw 2018, 17).
- No contractions (e.g., instead of writing “won’t,” “will not)
- Use Grammarly to check your work (The Premium Version is awesome at [www.Grammarly.com](http://www.Grammarly.com)).
- Do not expect the instructor or reader to edit your work. Become proficient in proofreading your work.