

**STORY BOARD TRANSCRIPT** *BIC Video Seven: Exposition of Col. 1:1-2**(English language Text: )*

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----- Speech...2090.mp3	This video centers on the exposition of the scripture text. That is, we will explore the lasting spiritual truths and applications contained in these opening verses of Paul's letter to the Colossians. This is the ultimate goal of Bible study for the modern reader. And it is the climax of the detailed exegetical analysis of the "then" meaning of the passage. In the Judeo-Christian religious traditions, the sacred scriptures have served as the primary source of spiritual nourishment for many, many centuries. For Protestant Christians, the Bible stands as the foundation of our entire religious experience, with Jesus as its center.	<b>(02)</b> <b>BIC 7 1.1-2</b> <b>VG06.png</b>  <b>(03)</b> <b>BIC 7 1.1-2</b> <b>VG02.png</b>
----- Speech...2956.mp3	From two thousand year old documents, how does one find relevant meaning, for contemporary living in the twenty-first century? First, these documents are sacred scriptures. Such a label as this asserts the breath of God saturating the writings, so that, properly understood, we can hear God speaking to us through the text. Second, we have done our exegetical homework in studying the text against the backdrop of the world in which it was composed. This provides a solid basis for understanding the human words of the text. These documents have both a human and a divine aspect. We get at the divine aspect by going through the human aspect.	<b>(04)</b> <b>BIC 7 1.1-2</b> <b>VG03.png</b>
=====	The work of exegeting a passage includes giving attention to the list of interpretive angles covered in videos two through six. The big challenge in interpretation of scripture is correctly going from the historical meaning in the past to the contemporary application in our day and time.	<b>(05)</b> <b>BIC 7 1.1-2</b> <b>VG04.png</b>

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With the traditional affirmation of the unique role of the Bible in defining and shaping our Christian experience, one must proceed cautiously in moving from scripture to Christian belief and practice. Christian doctrine is an umbrella term that essentially includes Biblical Theology, Historical Theology, and Systematic Theology. The emphasis here is on an understanding of Christianity intellectually in terms of its content, along with an affirmation of the correctness of the interpreted content. But Christian experience is another matter. Included here are Christian ethical behavior, discipleship living etc.

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When reduced to the absolute core, Christianity defines how an individual relates to God and how he / she relates to other people. When we seek to understand the parameters of this dual relationship with God and others, we are talking about doctrine. But when we seek to live out this two fold relationship, we are talking about discipleship living. Christian ethics, Christian devotion etc. become the focus. The organizing of these topics is without boundaries.

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The interpretation of scripture comes into the picture with the effort to grasp the holistic sense of scripture meaning and then filter it through a mind grid derived from contemporary modern culture. For most of Christian history, this mind grid has been church dogma or creeds. The Apostles' Creed has been the most enduring and the widest adopted creed across Christianity. Protestantism held on to the Apostles' Creed but the free church movement in Protestantism, which is labeled different ways in different countries, has softened the role of creeds in favor of religious experience as central. Evangelicalism, as a branch of this movement, has put initial conversion as central to the religious life of the individual. Thus, the importance of doctrine differs from one church group to another.

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One huge influential cultural factor in this is whether the surrounding society is oriented toward collectivism or individualism. Outside the US, some form of collectivism usually prevails and produces in the Christianity present a tendency toward creedalism. But in the regions of the US where individualism heavily dominates society, evangelicalism prevails with the emphasis on individual conversion. Understanding these patterns is very important for the Bible reader. The cultural pattern of the reader will unquestionably shape how meaning is perceived in the scripture text. Also, the perception of the correctness of others reading the same text and coming to different conclusions is largely determined by this cultural dynamic.

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Closely connected to the above is the issue of the social orientation embedded in the scripture text compared to the social orientation of the modern reader's world. Clearly the social orientation of the OT Hebrew Semitic culture was strongly collectivistic. Individual identity and worth were determined by connection to covenant Israel or not. This remains fundamentally true in apostolic Christianity. Covenant Israel is replaced by the church as local communities of Christ followers. But the collective orientation is somewhat softened with increased importance of the individual. Apostolic biblical Christianity sought to hold both these dynamics in a healthy tension with one another.

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Paul's Gentile mission played a huge role in this shift with church comprised of a mixture of ethnicities and built around the common denominator of faith commitment to Christ. Late apostolic Christianity struggled with this as Acts 15 clearly indicates. The views of Paul prevailed but with church redefined as the new Israel and including non-Jews who have committed themselves to Christ as

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Savior and Lord. Early on this perspective was vigorously defended by Paul in Galatians one through three. One implication of this is the importance for the modern reader to realize both the social dynamic behind the biblical text in comparison to the social dynamic of the reader's own world. The process of bringing biblical ideas over into a modern setting unavoidably includes reading those ideas through the cultural grid of the modern reader. Sensitivity to this challenge will help prevent false twisting of the biblical ideas.

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This background dynamic then necessitates defining clearly the expositional goals for the BIC commentary, and for the BIC ALIVE! series. Primarily, the objective is to suggest analytical procedures to bring the reader to an understanding of the scriptural text so that personal application can be made intelligently and correctly. The guidance of the Holy Spirit is assumed and trusted completely. Specific applications of scripture principles will depend upon specific situations of the modern reader. Occasional recommendations will be given as examples to illustrate how the process should work.

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Here are the application procedures to be followed in the BIC ALIVE! series:

- 1) Identification of broad theological categories
- 2) Exegetical Outline based on Block Diagram of passage.
- 3) Expositional Outline based on Exegetical Outline (1st two levels of division)
- 4) Occasional Sermon Brief for preaching the passage.

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For the really eager student, a more advanced version can be found at [cranfordville.com](http://cranfordville.com) in the Academic Section. Check the listing for Lessons One through Nine in the Greek 496C course room, <http://cranfordville.com/G496C>.

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**1) Identify the broad doctrinal themes.**

These introductory verses of the letter highlight primarily a fundamental dynamic of the nature of church. This is the most direct theme present in this passage. What does the word 'church' mean to you? As an English noun, we usually mean by it an organized group of people who meet at a particular address on Sundays, and perhaps also on Wednesday evenings. Sometimes the word is less geography oriented and more ideology oriented, such as the Methodist Church. To be clear, the Greek word for church, ἐκκλησία, is not used in these verses. But clearly the idea is present as the central religious point of the passage.

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In the identifying of Paul and Timothy's connection to this group of people in Colossae, they are called 'brothers.' God is identified as 'our Father.' Paul the Jew, and Timothy, the part Jew, are brothers to a group mostly of non-Jews. No blood-kinship is implied. No common ethnicity such as Jew or Greek is implied. Both letter senders and recipients are simply 'brothers' to one another. As a family term, a fatherhood is implied by 'brothers.' Here God is the common Father of everyone. From a doctrinal view, we are looking at defining church as spiritual family. Now this is a theme to be expanded in the letter body. Sermons and Bible studies are possible to be developed using this central theme. Trace out how Paul expands this theme

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of the nature of church in the rest of the letter. Examine the places where believers as a group are mentioned. Explore how his teaching would -- and should -- apply to contemporary church life.

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Two secondary themes emerge: 1) the gathered group meeting in private homes and 2) the importance of 'being set apart to God' and of being faithful. Reflect on how important a meeting place is for the defining of a group as a church. Also, what is the significance of being holy and being faithful? Don't lose sight of the collective reference present here! The group being holy and faithful, not just individuals in the group.

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The term 'apostle' signals issues of church leadership. In addition to being a 'brother' to the Colossians, Paul is an 'apostle' to them. Be sure to maintain the specific meaning of 'apostle' in its literary position here as defining one of the senders of the letter. This literary setting requires the formal meaning of 'apostle' as in the Twelve rather than as a 'missionary.' This does not define a local church or church denomination office for subsequent times. Why?

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What is the ongoing role of grace and peace for the church as a group? This pair of spiritual dynamics links up contextually to holy, faithful, and in-Christ, the other three spiritual references in the passage. Explore how God's grace and peace connect to the group's being holy, faithful, and in-Christ. Some very rich insight here for every congregation!

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2) Exegetical Outline.

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**Exegetical Outline**BIC 7 1.1-2  
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They are found in **STEPS TO A LITERARY STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS OF THE GREEK TEXT** at

<http://cranfordville.com/gkgrma05.pdf>

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These are:

- a) Begin with subdivisions containing one main clause statement of biblical text.
- b) Write out in a short declarative, full sentence the historical meaning of each division point.
- c) Work from the smallest subdivision to the largest division of biblical text.

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Note:

- a) If working directly with the Greek text, do a Semantic Diagram before the Exegetical Diagram. This will give you a solid basis for doing the outlines.
- b) If working with translations, do comparative analysis of two or more translations in order to gain a better understanding of the core ideas. Use the list of English Translations with distribution of the three translation types at

<http://cranfordville.com/P-Trans-L.htm>

Develop Exegetical Outline at two or more levels of division.

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Second, write out an Exegetical Outline of Col. 1:1-2.

- I. Paul and Timothy sent a letter to the believers at Colossae.
  - A. Paul wrote as an apostle
  - B. Timothy wrote as a brother
- II. The letter was sent to the brothers at Colossae
  - A. It was taken to Colossae by Timothy
  - B. The brothers were acknowledged as devout.
- III. The prayer greeting invoked God's blessings on these 'in Christ' brothers.
  - A. God's continued favor was requested for them.
  - B. God's continued peace was also requested.

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The above outline example represents one approach at summarizing the perceived historical meaning of the passage. You should develop your own outline based on the interpretive

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conclusions reached through your personal analysis of the scripture text. Be sure to use past time verb references reflecting the 'then' meaning of the text.

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**3) Expository Outline.**

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First, read through the instructions for creating an Expository Outline of the passage. They are found on pages 6-7 of STEPS TO A LITERARY STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS OF THE GREEK TEXT at

<http://cranfordville.com/gkgrma05.pdf>.

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These are:

a) Identify a central theme in the scripture text relevant to today's world.

b) Write out outline headings beginning with largest division and going down one level of subdivision.

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Second, write out an Expository Outline for Colossians 1:1-2.

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Central Point: What is church?

I. Church is a spiritual family.

A. God is the Father of this family

B. God makes His will known through the Apostles

II. This family has specific connections.

A. It relates to one another as brothers

B. It is to be devoted to God as His possession

C. It is to be faithful to God

D. It's existence and life comes from union with Christ.

III. The church's continuing need is for God's blessings

A. God's unfading favor is essential to its life.

B. God's sustaining peace is crucial to its ministry

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The reader, in applying scripture truths, must determine current

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needs in his life and in his or her congregation. Then, when a passage speaks to one or more of those needs, the reader’s challenge and privilege is to bring together the scripture text and the contemporary needs, in both preaching and teaching.

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In Paul’s mid-first century world congregations in the Roman province of Asia faced daily challenges that would have drained them of their life and vitality. Having come together out of substantial cultural and ethnic diversity meant needing a spiritual dynamic greater than any of those differences. Shared union with Christ provided such unity and cohesiveness. It opened the door of the powerful Divine Presence that brought the congregations needed nourishment and inspiration to continue moving forward in service to Christ. That Divine Presence out of spiritual union with Christ continues to sustain and inspire congregations in our day just as it did in the Lycus Valley centuries ago.

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**CONCLUSION**

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This seventh video completes the introductory set. These videos contain background presentations on how to do serious, in-depth study of scripture. The on-line BIC commentary seeks to go into deep study of the Greek text of the New Testament. Yet, the contents are presented in as simple a format as is possible. The hope is that serious study of the Bible can find them understandable and also very useful in teaching and preaching activities.

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The BIC ALIVE! series of short video summaries is intended to present a short summary of the BIC commentaries in the alternative format of audio-video presentation. In today’s world, often the interaction with a/v formatted materials is easier to grasp. Additionally, each of the videos contains a Closed Caption (CC) segment synced with the audio in the video. At a subsequent date, a pdf print copy of each video storyboard will be made available. This will make the audio manuscript available in print form and in a single file for the convenience of the reader.

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With this first set of videos, the inclusion of introductory how to materials will not be repeated in subsequent sets. Instead, the focus will be exclusively on interpreting the scripture text with a view to applying it to our world today. The prayerful hope is that God can speak forcefully through His Word to a lost world of the twenty-first century.

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