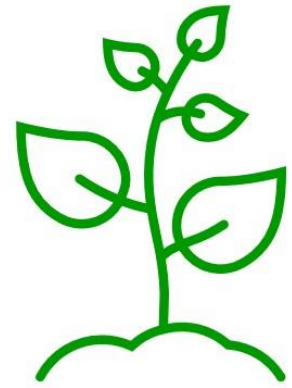


# GROW



## Colossians

Colossians – a short letter which invites us all to **GROW**  
**GROW** to discover the joy of a relationship with Jesus  
**GROW** in hope – for the future and for today  
**GROW** to understand God's inclusive gospel.

Join us this October as we read and reflect on the letter to the Colossians, reading a chapter each week. A suggested guide is on the back of this card.

As we unpack the letter week by week I will share thoughts within my Sunday Reflections blogpost and at Together, our 9am Worship on the phone/webcam.

### How to Connect to Together

#### Join Via Telephone

1. Call one of the Dial in by phone numbers from a mobile or landline.  
0203 481 5237 United Kingdom      0203 481 5240 United Kingdom  
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2. Enter the meeting ID,. For Together this is **878 7997 8475** and press #
3. (optional) You will be offered opportunity to add a participant ID, you can skip this step by pressing #
4. Enter the meeting password. For Together this is **473352**

#### Join Via Zoom

Meeting ID **878 7997 8475**      Password **473352**

You could also take the opportunity to study with others. Perhaps you can partner with a friend and talk on the phone about what you're reading? Or share your thoughts as a house group if you're part of one?

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# Pray – Read – Reflect

## Grow in Jesus

Colossians 1:1-23 | Week beginning Sun 4<sup>th</sup>

Paul congratulates the Colossians on what he's heard, that they are growing in Jesus and bearing fruit of the gospel – the good news – Jesus.

Where are you bearing fruit in your life?

How are you growing in Jesus?

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## Grow in Fullness

Colossians 1:24 – 2:15 | Week beg. Sun 11<sup>th</sup>

Paul's passion for people understanding fully who Jesus is, the way knowing Jesus transforms our lives and leads us on a journey of discovery, growth and freedom is evident here – this is the fullness that is life in Christ.

What do these words teach me about Jesus?

How are you experiencing and growing in Jesus' fullness?

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## Grow in the Gospel

Colossians 2:16 – 3:17 | Week beg. Sun 18<sup>th</sup>

Here Paul highlights various divisions and differences of opinion, dividing labels prevalent in the culture of the day and says there are no longer divisions – 'Christ is all and in all!' The good news that is Jesus is for all people.

What divisions do you see in society today? What about your church?

How can you contribute to living out the inclusiveness of the gospel?

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## Grow in Hope

Colossians 3:18-4:18 | Week beg. Sun 25<sup>th</sup>

The last part of the letter feels a bit outside of our context – wives submitting to husbands etc. But what Paul reminds us is that Growing in Jesus is about all of life – that Jesus filters into everything we do and we have hope – that transforms our present and points towards an even brighter future.

How has reading Colossians this month challenged or transformed you in how you live? How has it changed you?

What hopes are you holding onto today?