**Workshop 4 Homework**

**Day 1**

Using your **Annotated Colossians Document**, look back at the opening sentence of the **Body** of our Letter (vs. 15). What did we determine is the **Subject** of this paragraph?

When we see information about God, or about the work or identity of Jesus in our reading, that is giving us **Theology o**r **Christology**. Simply put, this is **what we can know about God/Jesus**.

In the section of your notes labeled **Theology**, **record** in ***bullet points* everything you learn about God and Christ from Colossians 1:15-20**.

**EG:** Image of God

Firstborn of creation

What might Paul’s decision to lead the **Body** (Discourse / argument) of this letter with **Theology/Christology** tell us about his **purpose** for writing; what might we guess based simply on the fact that he has arranged his argument to *lead* with these truths? **Write down your theory as a best guess in your Occasion notes.**

Now **review Chapter 1** from the beginning to the end and **record any other Theology/Christology** you find in the chapter. Remember that what He has done ***for*** ***us*** qualifies here. (You might put the Theology/Christology that applies specifically to His work ***for us*** in a column or on a page all its own, but it isn’t necessary if it’s easier to keep it all together.)

**\*This last task should not take more than a few minutes. Just record what scripture says in a bullet-pointed summary.**

Don’t rush past the fruit of your work. In fact, **read through 1:15-20 again as if it applied to you personally… as you read, insert “I” or “me” wherever you see “all things”, because you *are one of those things*!** Now take a minute to let that soak in and take a few minutes to worship.

**Day 2**

**Finish Framing Chapter 1 by approaching the last paragraph (1:24-29) as you’ve practiced.** (\*See the instructions on the **Framing a Paragraph** document that follows.) Do your best, and don’t stress!!! If you get lost in your work come back to the simple questions: What is the Subject; what Claim is being made about the subject; what is the Conclusion (purpose, outcome or result) of the claim? **Do your work in your Outline notes, and include your Summary Statement.**

**Transfer the Summary Statement** from your notes to the **Framing Colossians** document below. Try to do this mostly from memory. In other words, don’t just copy the Summary Statement, but try to write what you remember about the Main Idea of the paragraph. This will just reinforce your recall.

Now, as you review the **Summary Statements** for Chapter 1 on the **Framing Colossians** document consider:

**What is Paul’s message to the Colossians to this point? Restate the whole message so far in one collective Summary Statement of the paragraphs in that chapter.**

**Do you see a cohesive argument developing?**

**Does that argument seem to support your best guess about his purpose?**

**Day 3**

Move into **Chapter 2:1-5** on your **Colossians Document**. **Annotate, Frame, and write a Summary Statement** for that paragraph just as you have been doing. Add the **Summary Statement** to your **Framing Colossians** document.

**How does this paragraph advance Paul’s argument? WHO is doing WHAT, and WHY?**

**Notice and record the Theology/Christology of that paragraph in your notes.**

**Day 4**

Just take some time today to **review your forms and update** anything you need to on the Character Study of Paul, the Epistle Summary Worksheet, or the Context Study. Catch up on any other loose ends you’ve left dangling. Make good use of the time: practice a skill, practice using BLB… pursue Word Studies for those unfamiliar, or too familiar words you’ve Annotated **(\*follow the extended instructions for Word Study on that form).**

**OPTIONAL:** Try using your Framing Work paragraph-by-paragraph to create a typical outline beginning with the Main Idea, followed by the supporting points.

**AND/OR:** Try more Framing work using a different Letter. Find the Body/Discourse and work it out paragraph-by-paragraph.

**Day 5**

Today, go back to the **General Steps of Exegesis** instructions and review. Add some notes of your own about what you did in each step and/or what you want to remember about each step that isn’t in the instructions there – **OR** make your own personalized step-by-step instructions to follow next time. Own the process!!

We aren’t finished yet, but look how far you’ve come and how competent you are to do this on your own!

**Read through Colossians chapters 3-4.**

**Framing a Paragraph of Discourse**

**What is the Subject of the paragraph.** WHO or WHAT is being discussed *primarily*? (Think in terms of *nouns*…person, place, thing…including intangible things.)

**What is (are) the Claim(s)?** What argument is presented about the subject? What is stated as a fact? What does the author claim is true? Key Words: “is, are, am…”

**What is (are) the Contribution(s)?** What points are given to support, defend, or prove that claim? What makes his claim true? What is the proof or method? Key words: “For, since, by, because…”

**What is the Conclusion or** **the Main Idea.** What is the outcome or purpose of the claim? Or what is the author’s purpose in making the claim? Key Words: “So that, to, in order to…”

**EG: Colossians 1:15-20**

**SUBJECT:**

The Son

**CLAIMS:**

Image of the Invisible God Firstborn over all Creation Head of the Body

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

God pleased to have fullness dwell All things created Firstborn of dead

Before all things Reconcile through Him

All things hold together

**CONCLUSION or MAIN IDEA:**

“So that He might have supremacy.”

**Summary Statement:** As the Fullness of God, the Firstborn of all creation and from the dead, Christ has supremacy over all things.

**OR:**

**Subject: The Son**

**Claims**   **Contributions Conclusion**

**Image of God** God was pleased to have *all fullness* dwell…

**Firstborn of creation** In (through, for) Him *all things* made

Before *all things*

What holds *all things* together

Through Him to reconcile *all things* to Him

Made peace through His blood

**Head of the Body (Church)** Beginning and firstborn of dead **He might have supremacy**

**Framing the Discourse of Colossians**

**Greeting – 1:1-2** Paul and Timothy greet the faithful brothers and sisters in Colossae with grace and peace from God.

**Prayer – 1:3-14**

**3-8** Paul and Timothy give thanks for the faith and love of the people at Colossae which they heard about in the true gospel from Epaphras, and which is bearing fruit there and in the whole world.

**9-14** Because of their faith and love which is bearing fruit, Paul and Timothy pray for continued knowledge, wisdom, and understanding, so the people may continue to live a life worthy of the Lord (fruitful, growing, enduring, patient, thankful) since they have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and are now members of the Kingdom of Light – the Kingdom of the Son who rescues, redeems, and forgives.

**Body – 1:15-4:6**

**1:15-20** As the Fullness of God, the Firstborn of all creation and from the dead (by the shedding of His own blood), Christ has supremacy over all things.

**1:21-23** You have been rescued and reconciled by Christ’s death – continue in your faith in this. This is the gospel.

**1:24-29**

**2:1-5**

**\*2:6-15**

**\*2:16-19**

**\*2:20-23**

**\*3:1-4**

**\*3:5-12**

**\*3:13-17**

**\*3:18-4:1**

**\*4:2-6**

**Farewell**

**4:7-9** Tychicus and Onesimus will give the people at Colossae an update on the affairs of Paul and Timothy.

**10-17** Greetings from mutual friends and instructions to trade letters with Laodicea.

**Final Greeting**

**4:18** Paul greets them in his own hand with grace and peace.