

**Keep your eye on the ball**  
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Colossians in summary – “Keep your eye on the ball.”

- Chapter 1 – Why Jesus is the ball
- Chapter 2 – You’re getting distracted; keep your eye on the ball
- Chapters 3-4 – So that you can live like Jesus in a fallen world

Taken captive, judged, and disqualified

False teachers and corrupt gospels

Problem #1 – Works righteousness

- An overinflated opinion of myself can lead to an underinflated opinion of God
- Our attempts to understand God can lead to our assuming he’s like us
- Good news! God’s not like us

Problem #2 – Comparing ourselves to others

Shadow vs. Substance (sōma)

Emptiness vs. Fullness

“Why do you live as if you still belonged to the world?”

- Alienation vs. Reconciliation

*“He who loves a shadow becomes, himself, a shadow.”* – Thomas Merton