

COLOSSIANS

What is Gnosticism?

- **Material world is evil**
- **Salvation is earned**
- **Jesus was spirit only**

What does Christianity say about these?

Brief easy-going outline:

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Brief History of Temple in the Bible

Tabernacle (Exodus 40: 34-35)

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Brief History of Temple in the Bible

Temple (I Kings 8)

When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD. ¹¹ And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled his temple.

¹² Then Solomon said, “The LORD has said that he would dwell in a dark cloud; ¹³ I have indeed built a magnificent temple for you, a place for you to dwell forever.”

Brief History of Temple in the Bible

We are the temple:

I Corinthians 3:16

¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

Paul counters Gnosticism:

2:9 fullness of God lives in bodily form in Christ

1:18 Christ is head of the body, the church

1:20 Christ made peace with his blood

1:22 we are reconciled through Christ's body

1:16 The whole world was created in Christ





