

# COLOSSIANS

- A. <sup>1:1</sup>Paul, *an* apostle of Christ Jesus by *the* will of God, and Timothy *our* brother
  - B. <sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ in Colossae
  - C. Grace *to* you and peace from God our Father
- 1A. <sup>3</sup>We are giving-thanks *to* God, *the* Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, always while praying for you
- 1B. <sup>4</sup>Having heard-of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints <sup>5</sup>because of the hope being reserved *for* you in the heavens—
- 1C. Which you previously-heard-of in the word of the truth— the good-news <sup>6</sup>coming to you
    - 1D. Just as also in all the world it is bearing-fruit and growing
    - 2D. Just as *it is doing* also in you from which day you heard and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup>just as you learned *it* from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-slave who is
      - 1E. *A* faithful servant of Christ on your behalf
      - 2E. <sup>8</sup>The *one* also having made-clear *to* us your love in *the* Spirit
- 2B. <sup>9</sup>For this reason **we** also, from which day we heard, do not cease praying for you and asking that you may be filled *with* the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding— <sup>10</sup>*so that you may* walk *worthily of* the Lord, toward total pleasing [of Him]
- 1C. Bearing-fruit in every good work and growing *in* the knowledge of God
  - 2C. <sup>11</sup>Being empowered with all power according-to the might of His glory, toward total endurance and patience
  - 3C. With joy <sup>12</sup>giving-thanks *to* the Father having qualified you for *your* part of the share of the saints in the light— <sup>13</sup>Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love
    - 1D. <sup>14</sup>In Whom we have the redemption, the forgiveness of sins
    - 2D. <sup>15</sup>Who is *the* image of the invisible God, *the* firstborn of all creation
      - 1E. <sup>16</sup>Because all *things* were created by Him
        - 1F. In the heavens and on the earth
        - 2F. The visible *things* and the invisible *things*— whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities
        - 3F. All *things* have been created through Him and for Him
      - 2E. <sup>17</sup>And He Himself is before all *things*, and all *things* have existence in Him
      - 3E. <sup>18</sup>And He Himself is the head of the body, the church
  - 3D. Who is *the* beginning, *the* firstborn from the dead, in order that He Himself might come-to-be holding-first-place in all *things*
    - 1E. <sup>19</sup>Because *the* Father was well-pleased
      - 1F. *That* all the fullness *should* dwell in Him
      - 2F. <sup>20</sup>And *that* He *should* reconcile all *things* through Him to Himself, having made-peace through the blood of His cross
        - 1G. Through Him— whether the *things* on the earth or the *things* in the heavens
    - 2E. <sup>21</sup>Indeed you *were* formerly being excluded, and *were* enemies *in* the mind in- connection-with evil works. <sup>22</sup>But now He reconciled *you* in the body of His flesh through *His* death, *that* He *might* present you holy and without-blemish and blameless in His presence—
      - 1F. <sup>23</sup>If indeed you continue *in* the faith— having been founded, and steadfast, and not being moved-away from the hope of the good-news which you heard
        - 1G. The *one* having been proclaimed in all creation under heaven
        - 2G. Of which **I**, Paul, became *a* minister

- 2A. <sup>24</sup>Now I am rejoicing in *my* sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling-up-in-turn the *things* lacking *from* the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church
- 1B. <sup>25</sup>Of which I became a minister according-to the stewardship of God having been given to me for you, *that I might* fulfill the word of God—<sup>26</sup>the mystery having been hidden from the *past* ages and from the *past* generations
- 1C. But now it was revealed to His saints, <sup>27</sup>to whom God willed to make-known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles
- 2C. Which is Christ in you, the hope of glory
- 1D. <sup>28</sup>Whom we are proclaiming— admonishing every person, and teaching every person with all wisdom, in order that we may present every person mature in Christ
- 1E. <sup>29</sup>For which I also am laboring, struggling according to His working being at-work in me with power
- 2B. <sup>2:1</sup>For I want you to know how great a struggle I am having for your sake and the *ones* in Laodicea, and all-who have not seen my face in *the* flesh, <sup>2</sup>in order that their hearts might be encouraged—
- 1C. *They* having been brought-together in love, and for all *the* riches of the full-assurance of understanding, for *the* full-knowledge of the mystery of God— Christ
- 1D. <sup>3</sup>In Whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, hidden-away
- 3B. <sup>4</sup>I am saying this in order that no one may be deluding you with persuasive-argument
- 1C. <sup>5</sup>For even though I am absent *in* the flesh, nevertheless I am with you *in* the spirit, rejoicing and seeing your order and the firmness of your faith in Christ
- 3A. <sup>6</sup>As then you received Christ Jesus the Lord, be walking in Him— <sup>7</sup>having been rooted, and being built-up in Him, and being established *in* the faith just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving
- 1B. <sup>8</sup>Be watching-out *that* there will not be anyone taking you captive through philosophy and empty deception according-to the tradition of humans, according to the elemental *things* of the world, and not according to Christ
- 1C. <sup>9</sup>Because in Him dwells all the fullness of the Deity bodily
- 2C. <sup>10</sup>And in Him you are complete, Who is the head of all rule and authority
- 3C. <sup>11</sup>In Whom you also were circumcised *with a* circumcision not-done-by-*human-hands*, in the taking-off of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ— <sup>12</sup>having been buried-with Him in baptism
- 1D. In which you also were raised-with *Him* through faith *in* the working of God, the *One* having raised Him from *the* dead
- 2D. <sup>13</sup>Indeed, you being dead in the trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh— He made you alive-together with Him
- 1E. Having forgiven us all the trespasses
- 2E. <sup>14</sup>Having wiped-out the written-document against us *with its* decrees, which was opposed to us. Indeed, He has taken it out of the middle, having nailed it to the cross!
- 1F. <sup>15</sup>Having stripped the rulers and the authorities, He exposed *them* in public, having celebrated-a-triumph-over them in Him!
- 2B. <sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one judge you in eating and in drinking, or in respect to a feast or new-moon or Sabbath
- 1C. <sup>17</sup>Which are a shadow of the coming *things*, but the body *is* Christ's
- 3B. <sup>18</sup>Let no one decide-against you *while*
- 1C. Delighting in humility and worship of angels
- 2C. Dwelling-upon *things* which he has seen
- 3C. Being puffed-up in-vain by the mind of his flesh
- 4C. <sup>19</sup>And not holding-on-to the head— from Whom the whole body, being supplied and held-together by the joints and ligaments, is growing the growth of God
- 4B. <sup>20</sup>If you died with Christ from the elemental *things* of the world, why, *as-though* living in *the* world, do you submit-to-decrees <sup>21</sup>(“Do not handle, nor taste, nor touch”); <sup>22</sup>*Things* which are all for perishing *in* the use!) according-to the commandments and teachings of humans?—

- 1C. <sup>23</sup>Which are indeed having the talk *of* wisdom in-connection-with will-worship and humility and harsh-treatment *of the* body— not in connection with any [real] value against *the* indulgence *of the* flesh
- 5B. <sup>3:1</sup>If then you were raised-with Christ, be seeking the *things* above where Christ is, sitting at *the right hand of* God. <sup>2</sup>Be thinking the *things* above, not the *things* upon the earth
- 1C. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life has been hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ appears— your life— then **you** also will appear with Him in glory
- 2C. <sup>5</sup>Therefore, put-to-death *your* body-part *things* on earth— sexual-immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry
- 1D. <sup>6</sup>Because of which *things* the wrath *of* God is coming upon the sons *of* disobedience
- 2D. <sup>7</sup>In which *things* **you** also formerly walked when you were living in these *things*
- 3D. <sup>8</sup>But now **you** also, lay-aside all *these things*— wrath, anger, malice, blasphemy, filthy-language from your mouth; <sup>9</sup>do not be lying to one another
- 1E. Having stripped-off the old person with his practices
- 2E. <sup>10</sup>And having put-on the new *person* being renewed to knowledge in-accordance-with *the* image *of the One* having created him
- 1F. <sup>11</sup>Where there is no Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free
- 2F. But Christ *is* all *things* and in all *persons*
- 4A. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, as chosen *ones of* God, holy and having been loved—
- 1B. Put-on deep-feelings *of* compassion, kindness, humblemindedness, gentleness, patience
- 1C. <sup>13</sup>Bearing-with one another, and forgiving each other— if anyone has *a* complaint against anyone
- 1D. Just as indeed the Lord forgave you, so also you *forgive*
- 2C. <sup>14</sup>And over all these *things*, *put on* love, which is *the* bond *of* perfection
- 2B. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace *of* Christ be arbitrating in your hearts— into which indeed you were called in one body
- 3B. And be thankful
- 4B. <sup>16</sup>Let the word *of* Christ be dwelling in you richly
- 1C. With all wisdom, teaching and admonishing each other *with* psalms, hymns, spiritual songs
- 2C. With gratitude, singing with your hearts *to* God
- 5B. <sup>17</sup>And everything— whatever thing you may do in word or in deed— *do all things in the name of the* Lord Jesus, giving-thanks *to* God *the* Father through Him
- 6B. <sup>18</sup>Wives, be subject *to your* husbands, as it is fitting in *the* Lord
- 7B. <sup>19</sup>Husbands, be loving *your* wives, and do not be bitter toward them
- 8B. <sup>20</sup>Children, be obeying *your* parents in all *things*, for this is pleasing in *the* Lord
- 9B. <sup>21</sup>Fathers, do not be provoking your children, in order that they may not be discouraged
- 10B. <sup>22</sup>Slaves, be obeying *your* masters according-to *the* flesh in all *things*, not with eye-service, as people-pleasers, but in sincerity *of* heart, fearing the Lord
- 1C. <sup>23</sup>Whatever you do, be working from *the* soul, as *for* the Lord and not *for* people— <sup>24</sup>knowing that from *the* Lord you will receive the payback *of* the inheritance. You are serving the Lord Christ!
- 2C. <sup>25</sup>For the *one* doing-wrong will receive-back what he did-wrong, and there is no respect-of-persons
- 11B. <sup>4:1</sup>Masters, be granting *to your* slaves the just *thing*, and equality, knowing that **you** also have *a* Master in heaven
- 12B. <sup>2</sup>Be devoting-yourselves *to* prayer, keeping-watch in it with thanksgiving, <sup>3</sup>praying at the same time also for us—
- 1C. That God may open *to* us *a* door *for* the word *that we may* speak the mystery *of* Christ, because of which I also have been bound
- 2C. <sup>4</sup>That I may make it clear, as I ought-to speak
- 13B. <sup>5</sup>Be walking with wisdom toward the *ones* outside, redeeming the time
- 1C. <sup>6</sup>Your speech always *being* with grace, having been seasoned *with* salt *that you may* know how you ought-to answer each one

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- A. <sup>7</sup>All the *things* concerning me Tychicus will make-known *to* you
1. The beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow-slave in *the* Lord<sup>8</sup> whom I sent to you for this very *reason*—
    - a. In order that you may know the *things* concerning us and he may encourage your hearts
  2. <sup>9</sup>Together-with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother who is from-*among* you
  3. They will make all the *things* here known *to* you
- B. <sup>10</sup>Aristarchus, my fellow-captive, greets you, and *so does* Mark, the cousin *of* Barnabas, concerning whom you received commands (if he comes to you, welcome him), <sup>11</sup>and Jesus, the *one* being called Justus—
1. The *ones* being from *the* circumcision— these alone *are* fellow-workers for the kingdom *of* God, who proved-to-be a comfort *to* me
- C. <sup>12</sup>Epaphras greets you— the *one* from-*among* you, a slave *of* Christ Jesus always struggling for you in *his* prayers in-order-that you might stand mature and having been fully-assured in all *the* will *of* God
1. <sup>13</sup>For I testify *concerning* him that he has great pain for you, and the *ones* in Laodicea, and the *ones* in Hierapolis
- D. <sup>14</sup>Luke, the beloved physician, greets you, and Demas
- E. <sup>15</sup>Greet the brothers in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church at her house
- F. <sup>16</sup>And when *this* letter is read among you, cause that it also be read in the church *of the* Laodiceans, and that **you** also read the *letter* from Laodicea
- G. <sup>17</sup>And say *to* Archippus— “See-*to* the ministry which you received in *the* Lord, in order that you may be fulfilling it”
- H. <sup>18</sup>The greeting *of* Paul *by* my *own* hand— remember my imprisonment. Grace *be* with you