

The Epistle Of Paul The Apostle  
To The COLOSSIANS      COLOSSIANS 1

*Paul's prayer for the Colossians;*

**CHAPTER 1**

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Timothy, the brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ in Colosse: Grace to you, and peace, from our Father God, and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always concerning you,

4 Having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love toward all the saints,

5 Through the hope which is reserved in heaven for you, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the good news,

6 Coming to you, as *it is* also in all the world, and is bearing fruit, as also in you from the day you heard and recognized the grace of God in truth,

7 Just as you also learned from Epaphras our beloved fellow-servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ,

8 The one who also made plain to us your love in *the* Spirit.

9 Because of this we also, from that day we heard, absolutely do not stop praying for you, and to ask that you be filled with the full knowledge of his will in all wisdom and *all* putting it together spiritually,

*the Son Who is the image of the invisible God*

10 To walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every inherent good work, and growing in the full knowledge of God,

11 Being empowered in all power, according to the might of his glory, to all cheerful endurance and perseverance with joyfulness,

12 Giving thanks to the Father, the one having qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light,

13 Who delivered us out of the authority of the darkness, and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

14 In whom we have the redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,

15 Who is *the* image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature, Note Gen 1:26-27

16 Because in him all things were created, the ones in heaven, and the ones upon earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones, or lordships, or head rulers, or authorities, the all has been created through him, and for him,

17 And he is before all things, and in him all things stand together.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church, who is *the* beginning, *the* firstborn out of the dead, that he may be first in all things,

19 Because it was thought good for all the fullness to be housed in him,

**COLOSSIANS 2** *The all reconciled to God through Christ; Paul in a great contest for those who have not seen his face*

20 And through him to fully reconcile the all to himself, making peace through the blood of his cross, through him, whether those upon the earth, or those in the heavens.

21 And you sometime were alienated, and hating in the exercise of the mind in evil works, and now he has fully reconciled *you*

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to stand alongside of you holy, and unblemished, and unaccused in front of his face,<sup>22</sup>

23 If indeed you stay over in the faith, having been founded and settled, and not be stirred away from the hope of the good news, which you heard preached to all the creation which *is* under the heaven, of which I Paul am caused to be a minister,

24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up the things lacking of the tribulations of Christ in my flesh for his body, which is the church,

25 Of which I was caused to be a minister, according to the stewardship of God, which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

26 The mystery having been hidden from ages, and from generations, and now is manifest to his saints,

27 To whom God willed to make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the races, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

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<sup>22</sup> 1:22 Jesus will stand beside you, in front of his face (God the Father).

28 Whom we preach, putting every man in mind, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may stand every man alongside *of him* perfect in Christ Jesus,

29 For which I also work hard, contending according to his supernatural working, which supernaturally works in me in power.

### CHAPTER 2

1 Because I will you to see how great a contest I have for you, and them in Laodicea, and as many as have absolutely not seen my face in the flesh,

2 That their hearts may be comforted, being driven together in love, and for all riches of the full assurance of understanding for full knowledge of the mystery of God, and of *the* Father, and of Christ,

3 In whom are kept secret<sup>3</sup> all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 And I say this, so that no one deludes you in convincing words,

5 Because even if I am absent in the flesh, yet in the Spirit I am with you, rejoicing and looking at your order, and the steadfastness of your faith into Christ.

6 In the manner you have therefore taken to yourself Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him,

7 Having been rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, just as you have been

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<sup>3</sup> 2:3 kept secret from the world, and revealed by the Holy Spirit to the believer, 1 Cor 2:8-16.

taught, super-abounding in him in thanksgiving.

8 Look out lest anyone of you be led away stripped through philosophy and empty delusion, according to the tradition of men, according to the elements of the world, and absolutely not according to Christ,

9 Because in him is permanently housed all the fullness of the Deity<sup>9</sup> bodily.

10 And you are fulfilled in him, who is the head of all head rule and authority,

11 In whom also you are circumcised with the circumcision not handmade, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ,

12 Buried with him in the baptism, in whom also you were raised with him through the faith of the supernatural working of God, the one raising him out of the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your transgressions, and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he has made alive together with him, having graced to you all the transgressions,

14 Wiping out the handwriting of the decrees contrary to us, and lifted *it* out of the midst, nailing it to the cross; Note Acts 3:19

15 And having stripped off the head rulers and the authorities, he put them on display in outspokenness, making a trium-

<sup>9</sup> **2:9 Deity**, *theotes*, from *theos*, God. It means Deity, or God-ness. KJV translates it Godhead, but the word head is not in the word. Deity means all that God is. All that God is, is permanently housed in the Son, Christ, the Anointed Man.

phal procession over them in it.

16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you in food, or in drink, or in sharing of a festival, or a new moon festival, or of the Sabbaths,<sup>16</sup>

17 Which are a shadow of things to come, and the body *is* of Christ.

18 Do not let anyone arbitrate away your reward in a willful humble mindedness and ceremonial worship of *heavenly* messengers, intruding into those things he has not seen, idly puffed up under his fleshly mind,

19 And absolutely not having laid hold of the Head, out of whom all the body, through the joints and ligaments, having been fully supplied, and having been driven together, grows with the growth of God.

20 Therefore if you are dead with Christ from the elements of the world, why, as living in *the*

<sup>16</sup> **2:16** All of these are festivals from the Law of Moses. This verse in no way gives believers permission to attend idolatrous festivals. Paul's instructions are that believers (Hebrews or ethnics) could participate or not participate in Mosaic festivals, and were not to be judged by other believers who did or by believers who did not. The Sabbath is the only Commandment of the Ten that is not restated in the New Covenant as binding upon Christian believers. I believe that God will bless any believer who observes the Sabbath for the right heart reasons, but no one must make Sabbath (Saturday) or Sunday observance a condition of salvation or even of complete obedience to God. We are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together for public worship of God, and the preaching of the good news of His Son, Heb 10:25. I prefer the traditional assembling of the church on Sunday, but there is nothing in the New Covenant that says a believer who goes to church services on Sunday is more obedient than a believer who attends church services on another day or night. The Sabbath was definitely not included by the Apostles in their instructions in Acts 15, and here in St. Paul is the only place it is dealt with in any of the Apostolic writings.

**COLOSSIANS 3** *Do not be subject to ceremonial decrees; seek those things above; put to death the sins of the flesh*

world, are you subject to ceremonial decrees -

21 Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle -

22 Which all are to decay with the using, according to the religious precepts and teachings of men?

23 Which things have indeed a word of wisdom in willed ceremonial worship, and humble mindedness, and asceticism<sup>23</sup> of the body, absolutely not in any honor to the satisfying of the flesh.

**CHAPTER 3**

1 If therefore you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at *the* right hand of God.

2 Exercise your mind upon things above, not upon the things of the earth,

3 Because you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ our life will be manifested, then you will also be manifested with him in glory.

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<sup>23</sup> **2:23 asceticism, *apheidia***, to deny the normal needs of the body, all of which are to be satisfied in a holy way according to the Word of God: marriage to satisfy the desire for male-female companionship and reproduction, normal food with times of fasting which are very beneficial to the body, keeping the body warm with adequate clothing, and comfortable with comfortable clothing, and in presentable condition with presentable clothing, normal rest and sleep to rejuvenate the body, and especially forbidden is the idolatrous custom of cutting and mutilating your body in an attempt to persuade God, Deu 14:1, etc. Asceticism as practiced by various religions and various branches of Christianity is not biblical.

5 Put to death therefore your members which *are* upon the earth: sexual promiscuity, uncleanness, passions, worthless longings, and covetousness, which is idolatry,

6 Through which things the wrath of God comes upon the children being unconvinced,

7 In which you also walked at some time, when you lived in them,

8 And now you also put away all these: wrath, hard breathing, badness, blasphemy, shameful words out of your mouth.

9 Do not lie to one another, having stripped off the old man with his actions,

10 And having sunk in<sup>10</sup> the new, the one being renewed into full knowledge according to the image of the one creating him, Note Gen 1:26

11 Where there is absolutely no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, foreigner, Scythian, servant, free, but Christ *is* the all, and in all.

12 Therefore as chosen of God, holy and beloved, sink into *the* insides of pities, moral excellence, humble mindedness, meekness, perseverance,

13 Holding up one another, and gracing yourselves if anyone holds blame toward any, just as Christ also graced you, so you also.

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<sup>10</sup> **3:10 sunk in, *enduo***, to sink in as in a garment.

14 And above all these things, love, which is *the* joint ligament of perfection.

15 And let the peace of God arbitrate in your hearts, to which also you are called in one body, and be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ be housed in you richly in all wisdom, teaching, and putting yourselves in mind with psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing in grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And all whatever you do in word or work, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father through him.

18 The wives, arrange yourselves under your own husbands, as proper in *the* Lord.

19 The husbands, love the wives, and do not be bitter toward them.

20 Children, listen attentively to the parents according to all, because this is well pleasing in *the* Lord.

21 The fathers, do not provoke your children in order not to discourage them.

22 The servants, in all *things* attentively hear your lords according to *the* flesh, not in eye-service as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God;

23 And all whatever you do, work *it* out of *your* soul as unto the Lord, and absolutely not unto men,

24 Seeing that you will take from the Lord the reward of the inheritance in full, because you serve the Lord Christ.

25 And the one doing unrighteousness will be provided what he did unrighteously, and there is absolutely no respecting of faces.

#### **CHAPTER 4**

1 The lords, hold near to your servants things righteous, and things proportioned, seeing that you also have a lord in heaven.

2 Be in constant readiness toward prayer, keeping awake in it, in thanksgiving,

3 At the same time praying also concerning us, that God will open to us a door for the word to speak the mystery of Christ, through which also I am bound,

4 That I may make it manifest as I ought to speak.

5 Walk in wisdom toward those outside, redeeming the time.

6 *Let* your word *be* always in grace, being seasoned with salt, to see how you ought to answer each one.

7 Tychicus, the beloved brother, and a faithful minister, and fellow-servant in *the* Lord will make known to you all the things about me,

8 Whom I sent to you for this same thing, so that he may know the things concerning us, and may comfort your hearts,

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*Various personal greetings*

9 With Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is *one* of you; they shall make known to you all things here.

10 Aristarchus, my fellow-prisoner embraces you, and Marcus, the cousin to Barnabas, concerning whom you took commandments, if he comes to you, receive him;

11 And Jesus, the one called Justus, those being of the circumcision; only these *are* my fellow-workers for the kingdom of God who became a comfort to me.

12 Epaphras, one of you, a servant of Christ, embraces you, always contending for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and full in all *the* will of God,

13 Because I bear witness to him, that he has much anguish for you, and those in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.

14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, embrace you.

15 Embrace the brothers in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church at his house.

16 And when this letter is read before you, cause that it is read also in the Laodicean church, and that the one out of Laodicea you also read.

17 And say to Archippus, Look out for the ministry which you took to yourself in *the* Lord, that you fulfill it.

18 The greeting by my hand, Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace *be* with you. Amen.