

Colossians - KJV

Greetings

Col 1:1 Paul, an apostle of **Jesus Christ** by the will of **God**, and **Timotheus [Timothy]** *our* brother,

Col 1:2 To **the saints** and faithful brethren in **Christ** which are at **Colosse**:

Grace *be* unto you, and **peace**, from **God** our **Father** and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Col 1:3 We give thanks to **God** and the **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, praying always for you,

Col 1:4 Since we heard of your **faith** in **Christ Jesus**, and of the **love** *which ye have* to **all the saints**,

Col 1:5 For the **hope** which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in **the word of the truth** of **the gospel**;

- **Col 1:6** Which is come unto you,
- as *it is* in all the world; and **bringeth forth fruit**, as *it doth* also in you, since the day ye heard *of it*, and knew the **grace** of **God** in **truth**:
- **Col 1:7** As ye also learned of **Epaphras** our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of **Christ**;
- **Col 1:8** Who also declared unto us your love in the **Spirit**.

What God wants for you and of you

Col 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire

- that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
- **Col 1:10** That ye might walk worthy of the **Lord** unto all pleasing,
- being fruitful in every good work,
- and increasing in the knowledge of **God**;
- **Col 1:11** Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power,
- unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;
- **Col 1:12** Giving thanks unto the **Father**, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of **the saints** in light:

Who Jesus is

Col 1:13

Who

- hath delivered us from the power of darkness,
- and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:
 - **Col 1:14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:
 - **Col 1:15** Who is the image of the invisible **God**,
 - the firstborn of every creature:
 - **16** For by him were all things created,
 - that are in heaven,
 - and that are in earth,
 - visible and invisible,
 - whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers:all things were created by him, and for him:
 - **Col 1:17** And he is before all things,
 - and by him all things consist.
 - **Col 1:18** And he is the head of the body, the church:
 - who is the beginning,
 - the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

- Col 1:19 For it pleased *the* **Father** that in him should all fulness dwell;
- Col 1:20 And, having made **peace** through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

Reconciled

Col 1:21 And you, that were sometime [formerly] alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, **yet now hath he reconciled** Col 1:22 **In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:**

Col 1:23 If ye continue in the **faith**

- grounded and settled,
- and *be* not moved away from the hope of **the gospel**, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up [supplement] that which is behind [lacking] {on your part} of the afflictions of **Christ** in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

The Gospel is for everyone

Col 1:25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation [stewardship] of **God** which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of **God**;

Col 1:26 *Even* the mystery

- which hath been hid from {past} ages and from {past} generations, but now is made manifest to his **saints**;
- Col 1:27 To whom **God** would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ** in *you*, **the hope of glory**:

Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in **Christ Jesus**:

Col 1:29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Col 2:1 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have

- for you,
- and *for* them at **Laodicea**,
- and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

Col 2:2 That

- their hearts might be comforted,
- being knit together in love,
- and [attaining} unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding,
- to the acknowledgement [true knowledge] of the mystery of **God**, and of the **Father**, and of **Christ**; Col 2:3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Col 2:4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile [deceive] you with enticing words.

Col 2:5 For though I be absent in the flesh,

yet am I with you in the spirit,

joying and beholding

- your order [good discipline],
- and the stedfastness of your **faith** in **Christ**.

6 As ye have therefore received **Christ Jesus** the **Lord**, *so* walk ye in him:

- Col 2:7 {Firmly} Rooted
- and built up in him, and stablished [established] in the **faith**, as ye have been taught,
- abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through
philosophy
and vain deceit,
after the tradition of men,
after the rudiments of the world,
and not after **Christ**.

Christ Jesus is head over all Authority

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily.

Col 2:10b which is the head of all principality and power:

Col 2:15 *And having spoiled* principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Who we are in Christ

Col 2:10a

And ye are complete in him,

- Col 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of **Christ**:
- Col 2:12 Buried with him in baptism,
- wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of **God**, who hath raised him from the dead.
- Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him,
- having forgiven you all trespasses;
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Col 2:14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; (NASV)	Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, (KJV)
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and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Having the Appearance of Wisdom but of no real value

Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in
meat [food], or in drink,
or in respect of an holyday,
or of the new moon,
or of the sabbath *days*:

Col 2:17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [substance] *is* of **Christ**.

Col 2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a
voluntary humility [self-abasement]
and worshipping of angels,
intruding into those things [claiming visions] which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his
fleshly mind,

Col 2:19 *And not holding the Head*, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of **God**.

Col 2:20 Wherefore if ye be dead with **Christ** from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

- Col 2:21 (Touch not;
- taste not;
- handle not;

Col 2:22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

Col 2:23 These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in

- self-made religion
- and self-abasement
- and severe treatment of the body,

but are of no value against fleshly indulgence. (NASV)

Col 2:23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in

- will worship,
- and humility,
- and neglecting of the body;

not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh. (KJV)

Where not to direct your focus

Col 3:1 If ye then be risen with **Christ**,

- seek those things which are above, where **Christ** sitteth on the right hand of **God**.
- Col 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Col 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with **Christ in God**.

Col 3:4 **When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.**

Col 3:5 **Mortify [consider as dead] therefore your members [body parts] which are upon the earth;**

- fornication,
- uncleanness,
- inordinate affection,
- evil concupiscence, [sexual lust]
- and covetousness,

which is **idolatry**:

Col 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of **God** cometh on the children of disobedience:

Col 3:7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

Col 3:8 But now ye also **put off all these;**

- anger,
- wrath,
- malice,
- blasphemy,
- filthy communication out of your mouth.

Col 3:9 **Lie not one to another**, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Col 3:10 And have **put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:**

Col 3:11 **Where there is neither [no distinction between]**

Greek nor Jew,
circumcision nor uncircumcision,
Barbarian, Scythian,
bond *nor* free:

but **Christ** *is* all, and in all.

Where to direct your focus

Col 3:12 **Put on therefore**, as the elect of **God**, holy and beloved,

- bowels of mercies, [compassion]
- kindness,
- humbleness of mind,
- meekness, [gentleness]
- longsuffering; [patience]
- Col 3:13 Forbearing one another,
- and forgiving one another,

if any man have a quarrel against any: even as **Christ** forgave you, so also *do* ye.

Col 3:14 And above all these things **put on charity**, which is the bond of perfectness [perfect bond of unity].

Col 3:15 And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts**, to the which also ye are called in one body; and **be ye thankful**.

Col 3:16 **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all**

- wisdom;
- teaching
- and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to **the Lord**.

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed,

- *do* all in the name of the **Lord Jesus**,
- giving thanks to **God** and the **Father** by him.

Col 4:2 **Continue in prayer,**

- **and watch [keep alert] in the same with thanksgiving;**
- 3 Withal [while] praying also for us,
 - that **God** would open unto us a door of utterance,
 - to speak **the mystery of Christ**, for which I am also in bonds:
 - Col 4:4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

Col 4:5 **Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders**, making the most of the opportunity.
(NASV)

Col 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.
(KJV)

Col 4:6 Let your speech *be* always with **grace**, seasoned {as it were} with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Ruling and Submitting in godliness

Col 3:18 **Wives**, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the **Lord**.

Col 3:19 **Husbands**, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them.

Col 3:20 **Children**, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the **Lord**.

Col 3:21 **Fathers**, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.

Col 3:22 **Servants**,

- obey in all things *your* masters according to the flesh;
 - not with eyeservice, as menpleasers;
 - but in singleness of heart, fearing **God**:
- Col 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the **Lord**, and not unto men;

Col 3:24 Knowing that of the **Lord** ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the **Lord Christ**.

Col 3:25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons [no partiality].

Col 4:1 **Masters**, give unto *your* servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

Paul's Companions in the Gospel

Col 4:7

All my state

- shall **Tychicus** declare unto you, *who is* a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the **Lord**;
- Col 4:8 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;
- Col 4:9 With **Onesimus**, a faithful and beloved brother, who is *one* of you.

They shall make known unto you all things which *are done* here.

- Col 4:10 **Aristarchus** my fellowprisoner saluteth you,
- and **Marcus**, sister's son to **Barnabas**, (touching [concerning] whom ye received commandments: if he

come unto you, receive him;)

- Col 4:11 And **Jesus**, which is called **Justus**, who are of the circumcision. These only *are my* fellowworkers unto the kingdom of **God**, which have been a comfort unto me.

Col 4:12 **Epaphras**, who is *one* of you, a servant of **Christ**, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of **God**.

Col 4:13 For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them *that are* in **Laodicea**, and them in **Hierapolis**.

Col 4:14 **Luke**, the beloved physician, and **Demas**, greet you.

In Closing

Col 4:15 Salute the brethren which are in **Laodicea**,

and also Nympha and the church that is in her house. (NASV)	and Nymphas , and the church which is in his house. (KJV)
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Col 4:16 And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in **the church of the Laodiceans**; and that ye likewise read the *epistle* [letter] from **Laodicea**.

Col 4:17 And say to **Archippus**, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the **Lord**, that thou fulfil it.

Col 4:18 The salutation by the hand of me **Paul**.

Remember my bonds.

Grace *be* with you. Amen.