

## Colossians 1

12. For I have experienced being brought low, and I have experienced abounding. In everything and in all things I have been taught both to be full and to hunger, both to abound and to be without.

13. I can do all things through Christ, Who empowers me.

14. But you did well to communicate with me in my distress.

15. For you Philippians also know that in *the* beginning of the gospel, when I came from Macedonia, not one church communicated with me in regard to giving and receiving, except you alone.

16. And *when I was* in Thessalonica, you sent *to supply* my need both once and twice.

17. *I do not say this* because I am seeking a gift, but *because* I am seeking

12 1 Cor. 4:11  
13 John 15:5  
14 Phil. 1:7  
15 2 Cor. 11:8  
17 Tit. 3:14

18 Phil. 2:25  
2 Cor. 9:12  
Heb. 13:16  
19 Psa. 23:1  
20 Rom. 16:27  
21 Gal. 1:2  
22 Phil. 1:13  
23 Rom. 16:24

fruit that may abound to your credit.

18. But I have all things and abound. I am full after receiving from Epaphroditus the things you sent, a sweet-smelling savor, a sacrifice acceptable *and* well pleasing to God.

19. But my God will supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

20. Now to our God and Father *be* glory into the ages of eternity. Amen.

21. Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren with me salute you.

22. All the saints salute you, and especially those of the household of Caesar.

23. *May* the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

To the Philippians, written from Rome, *delivered* by Epaphroditus

## The Epistle of Paul to the Colossians

### CHAPTER ONE

1. Paul, an apostle by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother,

2. To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* in Colosse: Grace and peace *be* to you from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

3. We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying for you continually

4. Since hearing of your faith in Christ Jesus, and the love that *you have* toward all the saints;

5. Because of the hope that *is* laid up for you in heaven, which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

6. Which has come to you, even as *it*

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1 Eph. 1:1  
2 1 Cor. 4:17  
Gal. 1:3  
3 1 Cor. 1:4  
Eph. 1:16  
Phil. 1:3  
4 Eph. 1:15  
Heb. 6:10  
5 1 Pet. 1:4  
6 Mat. 24:14  
Eph. 3:2  
Tit. 2:11

7 2 Cor. 11:23  
1 Tim. 4:6  
Philem. 23  
8 Rom. 15:30  
9 Rom. 12:2  
1 Cor. 1:5  
Eph. 1:8, 15  
10 Phil. 1:27  
1 Thes. 4:1  
Heb. 13:21

also *has* in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, just as *it is* among you, from the day that you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

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

8. Who has also informed us of your love in *the* Spirit.

9. For this cause we also, from the day that we heard *of it*, do not cease to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10. That you may walk worthily of the

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Lord, unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God;

11. Being strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, unto all endurance and long-suffering with joy;

12. Giving thanks to the Father, Who has made us qualified for the share of the inheritance of the saints in the light;

13. Who has personally rescued us from the power of darkness and has transferred *us* unto the kingdom of the Son of His love;

14. In Whom we have redemption through His own blood, *even* the remission of sins;

15. Who is *the* image of the invisible God, *the* firstborn of all creation;

16. Because by Him were all things created, the things in heaven and the things on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or lordships, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him.

17. And He is before all, and by Him all things subsist.

18. And He is the Head of the body, the church; Who is *the* beginning, *the* firstborn from among the dead, so that in all things He Himself might hold the preeminence.

19. For it pleased *the Father* that in Him all the fullness should dwell;

20. And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things to Himself; by Him, whether the things on the earth, or the things in heaven.

21. For you *were* once alienated and enemies in *your* minds by wicked works; but now He has reconciled *you*

22. In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unimpeachable before Him;

11 Acts 5:41  
Eph. 3:16,  
4:2

12 Eph. 1:11,  
5:20

13 Eph. 6:12  
2 Pet. 1:11

14 Eph. 1:7

15 2 Cor. 4:4  
Rev. 3:14

16 Eph. 1:21  
Heb. 1:2,  
2:10

17 John 17:5

18 1 Cor. 11:3  
Rev. 1:5

19 John 1:16

20 2 Cor. 5:18  
Eph. 1:10,  
2:14

21 Eph. 2:1  
Tit. 1:15

22 Eph. 2:15,  
5:27

23 John 15:6  
Acts 1:17  
Rom. 10:18

Eph. 3:17

24 2 Cor. 1:5,  
7:4

Eph. 1:23,  
3:1, 13

25 Gal. 2:7

26 1 Cor. 2:7  
2 Tim. 1:10

27 Rom. 9:23  
2 Cor. 2:14  
1 Tim. 1:1

28 Acts 20:20  
Eph. 5:27

29 1 Cor. 15:10  
Eph. 1:19  
Col. 2:1

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1 Phil. 1:30

2 2 Cor. 1:6  
Phil. 3:8

Col. 3:14  
3 1 Cor. 1:24  
4 Rom. 16:18

23. If indeed you continue in the faith grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you have heard, *and* which was proclaimed in all the creation that *is* under heaven; of which I, Paul, became a servant.

24. Now, I am rejoicing in my sufferings for you, and I am filling up in my flesh that which is behind of the tribulations of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church;

25. Of which I became a servant, according to the administration of God that *was* given to me for you *in order* to complete the Word of God;

26. *Even* the mystery that has been hidden from ages and from generations, but has now been revealed to His saints;

27. To whom God did will to make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory;

28. Whom we preach, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, so that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

29. For this cause I also labor, striving according to His inner working, which works in me with power.

## CHAPTER TWO

1. Now I want you to understand what great concern I have for you, and *for* those in Laodicea, and as many as have not seen my face in *the* flesh;

2. That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto *the* knowledge of the mystery of God, and of *the* Father, and of Christ;

3. In Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4. Now this I say so that no one may deceive you by persuasive speech.

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5. For though I am indeed absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

6. Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, be walking in Him;

7. Being rooted and built up in Him, and being confirmed in the faith, exactly as you were taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

8. Be on guard so that no one takes you captive through philosophy and vain deceit, according to the traditions of men, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ.

9. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

10. And you are complete in Him, Who is the Head of all principality and power

11. In Whom you have also been circumcised with *the* circumcision not made by hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

12. Having been buried with Him in baptism, by which you have also been raised with *Him* through the inner working of God, Who raised Him from the dead.

13. For you, who were *once* dead in *your* sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has *now* made alive

5 1 Pet. 5:9  
1 Cor. 14:40  
1 Thes. 2:17  
6 1 Thes. 4:1  
7 Eph. 2:21  
8 Gal. 1:14,  
4:3, 9  
9 John 1:14  
10 1 Pet. 3:22  
Col. 1:16  
11 Deut. 10:16  
Rom. 6:6  
12 Acts 2:24  
Eph. 1:19

14 Eph. 2:15  
15 Is. 53:12  
Eph. 6:12  
16 Rom. 14:2,  
3, 5  
17 Heb. 8:5  
19 Eph. 4:15  
20 Rom. 6:3, 5  
Gal. 4:3, 9  
21 1 Tim. 4:3  
22 Tit. 1:14

with Him, having forgiven all your trespasses.

14. He has blotted out the note of debt against us *with* the decrees *of our sins*, which was contrary to us; and He has taken it away, having nailed it to the cross.\*

15. After stripping the principalities and the powers, He made a public spectacle of them, *and* has triumphed over them in it.\*\*

16. Therefore, do not allow anyone to judge you in eating or in drinking, or with regard to a festival, or new moon, or *the* Sabbaths,

17. Which are a foreshadow of the things that are coming, but the body of Christ.

18. Do not allow anyone to defraud you of the prize *by* doing *his* will in self-abasement and *the* worship of angels, intruding into things that he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his own carnal mind\*\*\*

19. And not holding fast to the Head, from Whom all the body, being supplied and knit together by the joints and bands, is increasing *with* the increase of God.

20. Therefore, if you have died together *with Christ* from the elements of the world, why are you subjecting yourselves to *the* decrees *of men* as if you were living in *the* world?

21. *They* say, "You may not handle! You may not taste! You may not touch!"

\*Verse 14 does not in any way mean that the commandments of God were nailed to the cross. The phrase "note of debt against us with the decrees of our sins" means the note of debt, or the listing of our sins against God. Our sins and the debt of our sins were nailed to the cross when Jesus Christ was crucified and died. Upon true repentance of sins to God the Father, Jesus Christ blots out the note of debt through the remission of our sins. Jesus Christ, Who knew no sin, was made sin for us. He was nailed to the cross as a sin offering for the sins of the whole world. The note of debt of our sins was symbolically nailed to the cross, not the commandments of God which stand forever.

\*\*"It" in the phrase, "has triumphed over them in it," means that through His crucifixion, death and resurrection Jesus Christ triumphed over all the powers of evil, Satan the Devil and the demonic fallen angels.

\*\*\*Verses 16-18 do not abolish the dietary laws of clean and unclean meats, the festivals or the weekly Sabbath of God. Rather, Paul is clearly affirming that the Gentiles in Colosse were to continue to observe these commandments as they had been taught. Paul was instructing the Colossians to disregard the criticisms and harsh judgments of those outside the church, because the observance of these days are a continuing foreshadow of the things that are yet to come in God's plan. By being faithful and keeping these commandments of God, they would always be worshipping the true God, be built up in Jesus Christ and never lose the understanding of God's plan. By true obedience to God the Father and Jesus Christ, they would not be deceived by vain philosophies of men, nor would they be seduced into the worship of fallen angels—Satan and his demons.

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22. The use of all such things leads to corruption, according to the commandments and doctrines of men,

23. Which indeed have an outward appearance of wisdom in voluntary worship *of angels*, and self-abasement, and unsparing treatment of *the body*, not in any respect to the satisfying *of the needs* of the flesh.

### CHAPTER THREE

1. Therefore, if you have been raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is sitting at *the right hand* of God.

2. Set your affection on the things that are above, and not on the things that are on the earth.

3. For you have died, and your life has been hid together with Christ in God.

4. When Christ, *Who is* our life, is manifested, then you also shall be manifested with Him in glory.

5. Therefore, put to death your members which *are* on earth—sexual immorality, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil desires, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

6. Because of these things, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

7. Among whom you also once walked, when you were living in these things.

8. But now, you should also put off all *these things*: wrath, indignation, malice, blasphemy, *and* foul language from your mouth.

9. Do not lie to one another, *seeing that* you have put off the old man together with his deeds,

10. And have put on the new man, who *is* being renewed in knowledge according to *the image* of Him Who created him;

11. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision,

23 1 Tim. 4:8

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1 Eph. 1:20

3 Rom. 6:2

2 Cor. 5:7

4 John 14:6

1 John 3:2

1 Cor. 15:43

5 Rom. 6:13,

8:13

Eph. 5:3, 5

6 Eph. 2:2

Rev. 22:15

7 1 Cor. 6:11

8 Eph. 4:22,

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9 Eph. 4:22,

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10 Rom. 12:2

Eph. 2:10,

4:23

11 Gal. 3:28

Eph. 1:23

12 1 Pet. 1:2

Gal. 5:22

13 Mark 11:25

14 1 Pet. 4:8

1 Cor. 13

Eph. 4:3

15 1 Cor. 7:15

Eph. 4:4

Phil. 4:7

16 Eph. 5:19

17 1 Cor. 10:31

18 1 Pet. 3:1

Eph. 5:3

19 Eph. 4:31,

5:25

20 Eph. 5:24,

6:1

21 Eph. 6:4

22 1 Pet. 2:18

Eph. 6:5

Col. 3:20

1 Tim. 6:1

Tit. 2:9

Philem. 16

23 Eph. 6:6, 7

24 1 Cor. 7:22

Eph. 6:8

25 Deut. 10:17

1 Pet. 1:17

Rom. 2:11

Eph. 6:9

barbarian *nor* Scythian, slave *nor* free; but Christ *is* all things, and in all.

12. Put on then, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, deep inner affections, kindness, humility, meekness *and* long-suffering;

13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so also you *should forgive*.

14. And above all these things *put on* love, which is *the* bond of perfection.

15. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which you were called into one body, and be thankful.

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.

17. And *in* everything—whatever you do in word or in deed—*do* all in *the* name of *the* Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and *the* Father by Him.

18. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as *it* is fitting in *the* Lord.

19. Husbands, love *your* wives, and do not be bitter against them.

20. Children, obey *your* parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

21. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they be discouraged.

22. Servants, obey your fleshly masters in all things—not with eye service as pleasing men; but with singleness of heart, fearing God.

23. And whatever you do, do heartily, as to the Lord and not to men;

24. Knowing that you shall receive from *the* Lord the recompense of the inheritance, for you are serving Christ the Lord.

25. But the one who does wrong shall receive *for* the wrong he has done, and there is no respect of persons.

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### CHAPTER FOUR

1. Masters, give that which *is* just and equal to your servants, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.
2. Continue steadfastly in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving,
3. *And* praying for us also, so that God may open to us a door to proclaim the message of the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned,
4. That I may make it manifest, as it is necessary for me to speak.
5. Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside *the church*, redeeming the time.
6. *Let* your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how to answer each one.
7. Tychicus, a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow servant in *the Lord*, will make known to you everything concerning me.
8. I sent him to you for this very reason, that he might know your circumstances and might encourage your hearts;
9. Together with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is *one* of you. They will make known to you all the things *that have taken place* here.
10. Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, salutes you and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas, concerning whom you re-

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- 1 Eph. 6:9
- 2 Luke 18:1  
Rom. 12:12  
Col. 2:7
- 3 1 Cor. 16:9  
2 Cor. 2:12  
Eph. 6:19-20  
Phil. 1:7
- 5 Eph. 5:15-16
- 6 Eccl. 10:12  
Mark 9:50  
1 Pet. 3:15
- 8 Eph. 6:22  
9 Philem. 10
- 10 Acts 15:37,  
19:29  
2 Tim. 4:11
- 12 Mat. 5:48  
Rom. 15:30  
1 Cor. 2:6  
Philem. 23
- 14 2 Tim. 4:10-11
- 15 Rom. 16:5  
1 Cor. 16:19
- 16 1 Thes. 5:27
- 17 1 Tim. 4:6  
Philem. 2
- 18 1 Cor. 16:21  
2 Thes. 3:17  
Heb. 13:3,  
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ceived instructions (if he comes to you, receive him);

11. And Jesus *who is* called Justus; who are *all of the* circumcision. They *are my* only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who have been a consolation to me.

12. Epaphras, a servant of Christ who *is* from among you, salutes you. He is always striving for you in *his* prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

13. For I bear witness to him that he has much zeal for you, and *for* those in Laodicea, and *for* those in Hierapolis.

14. Luke, the beloved physician, salutes you, and Demas *does also*.

15. Salute the brethren in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church in his house.

16. After you have read the epistle, see that it also is read in the church of *the* Laodiceans, and that you also read the one from Laodicea.

17. And say *this* to Archippus: Devote yourself to the ministry that you have received in *the* Lord, to fulfill it.

18. The salutation of Paul by my *own* hand. Remember my bonds. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

To *the* Colossians, written from Rome, *delivered* by Tychicus and Onesimus