

Colossians 1 King James Version (KJV)

(Circa: 59-62 AD – Written by Paul while he was in prison, in Rome, for teaching God's Word, not for any crimes against Caesar)

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother, (Timothy was a student of Paul's)

²To 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. (saints- the Elect)

³We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, (Thanking God for giving these people salvation)

⁴Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, (The love goes out to those that love and follow Jesus Christ)

⁵For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; 1Peter-1:4 (God's promise to us of eternal life waiting for us in Paradise. When we choose to become a child of God, we inherit His promises)

⁶Which 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: (The fruit here are the people who join Christianity and grow the body of Christ <the Christian church> in the world. Jesus said – "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" – John-8:12)

⁷As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; (It is believed that Epaphras started the church there, in Colosse. Paul had never been there)

⁸Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit. (Your love for God – His Holy Spirit)

⁹For 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; (To learn God's Word is to understand His plan for us and for the world)

Proverbs-1:7 (The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction) (Fear = reverence if you love God, fear if you hate Him; It's the same word in the Hebrew)

¹⁰That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; (When God gives you knowledge, share it with others. That is what God calls producing fruit – to bring other people into God's light and salvation)

¹¹Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; (patience in learning brings knowledge, which gives strength to our faith)

¹²Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: (Thanking God for His grace, wisdom and salvation; that is the light that Jesus spoke of)

¹³Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: (Dear son = His begotten, in the flesh – better translation. Jesus is Emanuel – God with us. Not a son as we understand our son, or daughter. Jesus IS God; not a different person; not a different God. There is one God; He has many offices – Father, begotten<son>, Holy Spirit, Melchizedek, the Angel of God, etc) see John-14:9

Also see Isaiah-7:14 (Emanuel = God with us)

(The darkness of the world is Satan, sins, confusion; and if we don't change, spiritual death – death of our soul) see Revelation-20:14

¹⁴In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: (Jesus fulfilled the blood ordinances of the Old Testament by becoming the perfect sacrifice for all time. When we take communion, we are having a sacrificial meal with God, just as people had sacrificial meals with the priests in the Old Testament)

¹⁵Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: Genesis-1:26-28 (Let us make man in our image – God created the office of Jesus Christ so that He could walk with us in the flesh)

¹⁶For 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: (God created the universe. HE owns all things) Revelation-4:11

¹⁷And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

¹⁸And 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. 1Peter-3:18-20, 1Peter-4:6, Ecclesiastes 12:6-14

(God said – I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty) Revelation-1:8

¹⁹For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; (Jesus IS God in the flesh. God came into the flesh to walk with us as a teacher and as an example of how we should live; in order to receive eternal life on judgment day)

²⁰And, 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. (Jesus fulfilled the blood ordinances of the Old Testament <the sacrificing of animals for repentance> by becoming the Passover Lamb as a sacrifice for all men)

²¹And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled (All who repent are forgiven. Your past sins are erased from the Book of Life)

²²In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouable in his sight: (You have a new start; move on. Live righteously and serve God)

²³If 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; (learn the Word of God and do it. Don't listen to any so-called preacher with a "new doctrine")

²⁴Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: (Paul was in prison in Rome at this time; the church here, is the Christian church of Jesus Christ, not a modern day denominations that teach traditions of men instead of God's Word chapter by chapter, verse by verse)

²⁵Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God; (Not traditions of men. A minister who preaches a sermon written in his imagination is not teaching God's Word. He is useless in the eyes of God)

²⁶Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: Mathew-13:35-40 (The parable of the tares), also John-8:44, Revelation-2:9 & 3:8 (You cannot understand God's plan if you don't know that there are 3 Ages; or if you don't know who the Kenites are)

²⁷To 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: (Jesus said – "Behold. I have foretold you all things") Mark-13:23

²⁸Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: (perfect= mature) (The duty of a preacher is to teach the Word of God – completely and unchanged, so he will know the true Messiah from the fake <antichrist>)

²⁹Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily. (Paul preached God's Word; not his own sermons. If your church preaches sermons written by some pastor, you are wasting your time there)