

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1

THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE WAS AN EPISTLE OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND WARNING AGAINST THOSE JEWISH BRETHREN WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO PROMOTE ADHERENCE TO THE LAW OF MOSES WHICH ENDED IN JESUS CHRIST.

BECAUSE OF THE TIME THE APOSTLE PAUL SPENT IN EPHESUS, THIS DOCTRINE AFTER THE LAW OF MOSES DID NOT BECOME ROOTED IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE AS WAS IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT GALATIA.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS IN PRISON IN ROME WITH MINISTER TIMOTHY WHEN HE WROTE THIS EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE.

THE LETTER WAS TO BE READ IN BOTH THE CHURCHES AT COLOSSE AND LAODICEA.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 1-2

Col 1:1-2 (KJV) 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, AND TIMOTHEUS OUR BROTHER,

Col 1:2 (KJV) 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.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON TIMOTHY BEING A PRISONER WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL IN ROME.

Acts 28:30-31 (KJV) 30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,

Acts 28:31 (KJV) 31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

THE APOSTLE PAUL STATED THAT HE WAS IN BONDS WHEN HE WAS WRITING THE EPISTLE.

Col 4:3 (KJV) 3 Withal 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 4:18 (KJV) 18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. REMEMBER MY BONDS. Grace be with you. Amen.

THE MINISTER TIMOTHY WHO WAS IN PRISON WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE THE EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE. BY THE TIME THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS WRITING THE EPISTLE TO THE JEWISH BRETHREN, TIMOTHY WAS SET AT LIBERTY FROM PRISON.

Heb 13:23-24 (KJV) 23 KNOW YE THAT OUR BROTHER TIMOTHY IS SET AT LIBERTY; WITH WHOM, IF HE COME SHORTLY, I WILL SEE YOU.

Heb 13:24 (KJV) 24 Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

THE EPISTLE WAS TO BE READ IN BOTH THE CHURCHES AT COLOSSE AND LAODICEA.

Col 2:1 (KJV) 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 4:16 (KJV) 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 FROM LAODICEA.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON GREETINGS IN COL 1:2.

THE GREETINGS COMING FROM **GOD THE FATHER** AND **JESUS CHRIST**.

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS TO BRING GREETINGS FROM **THE THRONE OF HEAVEN** AND WAS LEADING THE APOSTLE PAUL AND NOT SPEAKING OF HIMSELF.

John 16:13-15 (KJV) 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: **FOR HE SHALL NOT SPEAK OF HIMSELF**; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

John 16:14 (KJV) 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 16:15 (KJV) 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 3-5

ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE FOR THE EVIDENCE OF THE FAITH AND LOVE OF THE BRETHREN.

Col 1:3-5 (KJV) 3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **PRAYING ALWAYS FOR YOU,**

Col 1:4 (KJV) 4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of **THE LOVE WHICH YE HAVE TO ALL THE SAINTS,**

Col 1:5 (KJV) 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;**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE “HOPE WHICH IS LAID UP FOR US IN HEAVEN”

1 Thess 2:19 (KJV) 19 **FOR WHAT IS OUR HOPE,** or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ **AT HIS COMING?**

1 Peter 1:3 (KJV) 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy **HATH BEGOTTEN US AGAIN UNTO A LIVELY HOPE BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD,**

1 Peter 1:13 (KJV) 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, **AND HOPE TO THE END FOR THE GRACE THAT IS TO BE BROUGHT** UNTO YOU AT THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST;

1 Peter 3:15 (KJV) 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer TO EVERY MAN THAT ASKETH YOU A REASON OF THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU WITH MEEKNESS AND FEAR:

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE "TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL"

Gal 2:5 (KJV) 5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL might continue with you.

Gal 2:14 (KJV) 14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

Eph 1:13 (KJV) 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard THE WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 6-8

THE APOSTLE PAUL ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE CHURCH OF GOD IN COLOSSE WHERE THE GOSPEL WAS BEARING FRUIT IN FAITH AND LOVE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Col 1:6-8 (KJV) 6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and BRINGETH FORTH FRUIT, AS IT DOTHTH ALSO IN YOU, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

EPAPHRAS WAS A MINISTER OF THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE WHO VISITED PAUL IN PRISON AT ROME AND WAS IMPRISONED WITH PAUL.

Col 1:7 (KJV) 7 As ye also learned of EPAPHRAS our dear fellowservant, who is for you A FAITHFUL MINISTER OF CHRIST;

Col 1:8 (KJV) 8 Who also declared unto us **YOUR LOVE IN THE SPIRIT.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES

Col 4:12-13 (KJV) 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 (KJV) 13 For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

Phm 1:23 (KJV) 23 There salute thee **EPAPHRAS, MY FELLOWPRISONER IN CHRIST JESUS;**

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 9-10

Col 1:9-10 (KJV) 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 (KJV) 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;

OTHER SCRIPTURES ON BEING **FRUITFUL IN EVERY GOOD WORK:**

Col 1:6 (KJV) 6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and **BRINGETH FORTH FRUIT, AS IT DOTHTH ALSO IN YOU,** since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

Matt 13:23 (KJV) 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; **WHICH ALSO BEARETH FRUIT, AND BRINGETH FORTH,** some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Luke 8:15 (KJV) 15 But that on the good ground are they, **WHICH IN AN HONEST AND GOOD HEART, HAVING HEARD THE WORD, KEEP IT, AND **BRING FORTH FRUIT WITH PATIENCE.****

John 15:16 (KJV) 16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, THAT YE SHOULD GO AND BRING FORTH FRUIT, and THAT YOUR FRUIT SHOULD REMAIN: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Rom 7:4-5 (KJV) 4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, THAT WE SHOULD BRING FORTH FRUIT UNTO GOD.

Rom 7:5 (KJV) 5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Col 1:10 (KJV) 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;

Gal 5:22-23 (KJV) 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
Gal 5:23 (KJV) 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE ON GROWING IN SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

2 Peter 3:18 (KJV) 18 BUT GROW IN GRACE, AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

THERE IS SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS WHEN WE ARE PLEASING GOD.

1 John 3:22 (KJV) 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, AND DO THOSE THINGS THAT ARE PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 11-14

Col 1:11-14 (KJV) 11 STRENGTHENED WITH ALL MIGHT, according to HIS GLORIOUS POWER, unto all patience and LONGSUFFERING with JOYFULNESS;

Col 1:12 (KJV) 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Col 1:13 (KJV) 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Col 1:14 (KJV) 14 IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, EVEN THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS:

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON “REDEMPTION”

Rom 3:24 (KJV) 24 Being justified freely by his grace through THE REDEMPTION THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS:

Rom 8:23 (KJV) 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, THE REDEMPTION OF OUR BODY.

1 Cor 1:30 (KJV) 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and REDEMPTION:

Eph 1:7 (KJV) 7 IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, according to the riches of his grace;

Eph 1:14 (KJV) 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance UNTIL THE REDEMPTION OF THE PURCHASED POSSESSION, unto the praise of his glory.

Eph 4:30 (KJV) 30 And GRIEVE NOT THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, whereby ye are sealed unto THE DAY OF REDEMPTION.

Heb 9:15 (KJV) 15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, FOR THE REDEMPTION OF

THE TRANSGRESSIONS THAT WERE UNDER THE FIRST TESTAMENT, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

❖ **COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 15-17**

Col 1:15-17 (KJV) 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Col 1:16 (KJV) 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 (KJV) 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-3 (KJV) 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:2 (KJV) 2 The same was in the beginning with God.

John 1:3 (KJV) 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

❖ **COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSE 18**

Col 1:18 (KJV) 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.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES

John 3:13 (KJV) 13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

Acts 26:23 (KJV) 23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

Rev 1:5 (KJV) 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and THE FIRST BEGOTTEN OF THE DEAD, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 19-21

Col 1:19-21 (KJV) 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

Col 1:20 (KJV) 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.

Col 1:21 (KJV) 21 AND YOU, THAT WERE SOMETIME ALIENATED AND ENEMIES IN YOUR MIND BY WICKED WORKS, yet now hath he reconciled

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE

Eph 2:2 (KJV) 2 WHEREIN IN TIME PAST YE WALKED ACCORDING TO THE COURSE OF THIS WORLD, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 22-23

Col 1:22-23 (KJV) 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprieveable in his sight:

Col 1:23 (KJV) 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;

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE “GROUNDED”

1 Cor 15:58 (KJV) 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye **STEDFAST**, unmoveable, always ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE “SETTLED”

1 Peter 5:10 (KJV) 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, AFTER THAT YE HAVE SUFFERED A WHILE, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, **SETTLE** you.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 24-25

Col 1:24-25 (KJV) 24 WHO 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**:

Col 1:25 (KJV) 25 Whereof I am made a minister, ACCORDING TO THE DISPENSATION OF GOD WHICH IS GIVEN TO ME FOR YOU, to fulfil the word of God;

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES

1 Cor 9:17 (KJV) 17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, A DISPENSATION OF THE GOSPEL IS COMMITTED UNTO ME.

Eph 1:10 (KJV) 10 THAT IN THE DISPENSATION OF THE FULNESS OF TIMES HE MIGHT GATHER TOGETHER IN ONE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Eph 3:2 (KJV) 2 IF YE HAVE HEARD OF THE DISPENSATION OF THE GRACE OF GOD WHICH IS GIVEN ME TO YOU-WARD:

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 26-27

THE MYSTERY OF ETERNAL SALVATION WHICH MUST BE REVEALED BY GOD.

Col 1:26-27 (KJV) 26 **EVEN THE MYSTERY** WHICH HATH BEEN HID FROM AGES AND FROM GENERATIONS, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Col 1:27 (KJV) 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:

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES

Dan 12:4 (KJV) 4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and **KNOWLEDGE SHALL BE INCREASED.**

Rev 1:3 (KJV) 3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear **THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY**, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Mar 4:11 (KJV) 11 And he said unto them, **UNTO YOU IT IS GIVEN TO KNOW THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD**: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

Rom 16:25 (KJV) 25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, **ACCORDING TO THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY, WHICH WAS KEPT SECRET SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN,**

1 Cor 2:7 (KJV) 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, **EVEN THE HIDDEN WISDOM, WHICH GOD ORDAINED BEFORE THE WORLD UNTO OUR GLORY:**

Eph 3:9 (KJV) 9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

1 Peter 1:10-12 (KJV) 10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

1 Peter 1:11 (KJV) 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

1 Peter 1:12 (KJV) 12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are

now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSE 28

WE WARN EACH OTHER USING THE SCRIPTURES IN PSALMS, HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS.

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

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES

Col 3:16 (KJV) 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.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES

Eze 3:17-21 (KJV) 17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

Eze 3:18 (KJV) 18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Eze 3:19 (KJV) 19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Eze 3:20 (KJV) 20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Eze 3:21 (KJV) 21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSE 29

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