

Colossians 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colossi: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

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;

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:

7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellow servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

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;

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;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

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

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

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

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:

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

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.

¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

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.

²¹ And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

²² In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight:

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;

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:

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;

²⁶ Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

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:

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

²⁹ Whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

- **Who wrote this?**
 - Col 1 :1 - **Paul**, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother
- **Written to Whom?**
 - 2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colossi: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **For what purpose?**
 - Fullness, completeness, fulfilling the Word of God
 - See verse 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;*
 - **G4137** - *play-ro'-o* - to make replete, that is, (literally) to *cram* (a net), *level* up (a hollow), or (figuratively) to *furnish* (or *imbue, diffuse, influence*), *satisfy, execute* (an office), **finish** (a period or task), *verify* (or *coincide* with a prediction), etc.:—accomplish, X after, (be) **complete**, end, expire, **fill (up)**, **fulfil**, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, **perfect**, supply.
 - *2 Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,*
 - *2 Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;*
- **Highlights?**
 - See Highlighted verses, but Col 1:10 is my favorite
 - **G4043** - *peripateō* - to *tread* all around, that is, *walk* at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively
 - **G516** - *axiōs* - *appropriately*:—as becometh, after a godly sort, worthily.
 - **G699** – *areskeia* - *complaisance*:—pleasing.
 - **G2592** - *karpophoreō* - to *be fertile* (literally or figuratively):—be (bear, bring forth) fruit (-ful).
 - **G2041** – *ergon* – from *ergō* (a primary but obsolete word; to *work*); *toil* (as an effort or occupation); by implication an *act*:—deed, doing, labour, work.
 - **G837** - *auxanō* - to *grow* (“wax”), that is, *enlarge* (literally or figuratively, actively or passively):—grow (up), (give the) increase.

- See Eph 4:15 for same word - But speaking the truth in love, may **grow up** into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
 - **G1922** ἐπίγνωσις epignōsis ip-ig'-no-sis From G1921; recognition, that is, (by implication) full *discernment, acknowledgement*:—(ac-) knowledge (-ing, -ment).
- **Concerns? - Warnings?**
 - ²⁸ Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

G3560 - noutheteō - to *put in mind*, that is, (by implication) to *caution* or *reprove gently*:—admonish, warn.
 - Warning of what?

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"*
- **Challenges thrown to us?**
 - Yes, walk worthy, be fruitful, increase in knowledge of God and please God, not ourselves or the world!
 - 2Ti 3:16 *All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*
 - 2Ti 3:17 *That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*
- **Encouragement?**
 - Verse 3 - *praying always for you,*
 - repeated in verse 9 - *do not cease to pray for you*
 - Verse 11 - Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;
 - Verse 14 - *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*
 - Verse 22 - *to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:*

- **Conclusions?**

- Give thanks, pray for others, walk worthy, pleasing God (Not ourselves)
Being Fruitful, in good works and increasing in the Word of God.
- The Mystery as defined by Paul in verse 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:”

G3466 - mustērion - (to *shut* the mouth); a *secret* or “mystery” (through the idea of *silence* imposed by *initiation* into religious rites):—mystery.

So what does that mean to you? To me it means there is no longer a preferred nation or people and no Holy Priesthood who stands between man and God as a mediator. BUT NOW we have a mediator in Christ and given the veil is ripped open, we have direct access to God the Father through Christ. We don't have a King as Israel did. We have a “Head”. Christ is the Head of the Body: the Church.

- **What will we do different with this information?**

- Make all men see the Mystery!
- See **Ephesians 3:7-11**: *Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. ⁸Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; ⁹And 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: ¹⁰To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, ¹¹According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: ¹²In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.*