

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the COLOSSIANS

BY Him were all things created in heaven and in earth, Thrones and dominions, principalities and powers. We are delivered from the power of darkness and translated by Him. In Him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Strengthened unto patience and longsuffering, To walk worthy of the Lord in every way that pleases Him, Being filled in every good work by Him and for Him.

COLOSSIANS 1

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
²to the saints and faithful brethren that are in Christ in Colossae:
grace be to you, and peace from God our Father and our Lord Christ Jesus.
³We give thanks to God and the Father of Jesus Christ our Lord, praying always for you,
⁴ever since we have heard of your faith that is in Christ Jesus and the love you have for all the saints;
⁵because of the hope that is laid up in heaven for you,
which you have heard of before in the word of the truth of the gospel,
⁶which has come to you, as it also has come in all the world,
and is bringing forth fruit, as it is doing in you, since the day you heard of and knew the grace of God in truth,
⁷as you also learned of Epaphras, our dear fellow servant,
who is a faithful minister for you of our Lord Jesus Christ,
⁸who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.
⁹For this reason also, since the day we heard of it,
we do not cease to pray for you and desire that you might be filled in all wisdom with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual understanding.
¹⁰That you might walk worthy of the Lord unto all His pleasing,
being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
¹¹strengthened with all might according to His glorious power,
unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness,

¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has made us qualified to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints who are in the light,
¹³and has delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son, Jesus Christ;
¹⁴in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins.
¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation.
¹⁶For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on the earth; visible and invisible things;
whether thrones or dominions, powers or principalities,
all things were created by Him and for Him.
¹⁷He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.
¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church. He is from the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that He might have the preeminence in all things.
¹⁹For it pleased the Father that in Him all fullness should dwell,
²⁰and having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things to Himself,
by Him, I say, whether things in the earth or in heaven.
²¹And you who were at one time alienated, and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled
²²in the body of His flesh through death to present you holy and unblamable, above reproach in His sight,
²³that is, if you continue in the faith, settled and grounded,
and you are not moved away from the hope of the gospel,
which you have heard, which was also preached to every creature which is under heaven, of which I Paul became a minister.
²⁴I now rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and continue in the former affliction of Christ, in my flesh, for the sake of the church, His body,
²⁵of which I was made a minister to fulfill the word of God,
according to the ordination of God, that He gave to me for you.
²⁶The mystery which for ages and generations has been hid,
but now is revealed to His saints.
²⁷To whom God would make known the rich-

es of the glory, of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory, ²⁸whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man, in all wisdom, that we may present every man, perfect in Christ Jesus.

²⁹For this reason I also labor more arduously, striving according to the working that is at work in me mightily.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Whatever you give birth to you build, you pray for consistently, and constantly, you encourage to maturity and you rejoice in.*
2. *Your expectation of hope in heaven should inspire your demonstration of faith in Christ and your expression of love for all the saints.*
3. *The truth of the gospel does not need to be eloquently worded, but it needs to be diligently proclaimed across the world; it is a quick-growing, high-yielding and delightful seed that fills the heart with thanksgiving and reproduces continuously.*
4. *Specific prayer yields specified results; prayer without an assignment yields any result and possible disappointment.*
5. *The depth of your Christian walk is limited to the breadth of knowing His will, the heights of your spiritual understanding and the wisdom to apply all this knowledge effectively.*
6. *There is no wealth, work, attainment or assignment that we do that can make us worthy of the Lord; we can only be worthy by alignment, that is, walking worthy by pleasing Him fully.*
7. *Fruitfulness is not an exception for believers but an expectation; believers are expected to engage in only good works and to be fruitful in every good work.*
8. *You need to be strengthened with might according to His mighty power, not to make you mighty fearsome, but so you may be mighty patient, mighty temperate and be filled with mighty much joy.*
9. *A simple confession of faith in the natural is a mighty deliverance in the spiritual and a transfer from one kingdom to the other, darkness to light, and from one king to the other, the devil to the dear Son of God, Jesus.*
10. *Sin is our condemnation; forgiveness of sin is our redemption; His blood is our conveyance.*
11. *Jesus is the created Creator of all things created, the first of all creation, by whom, through whom, in whom and for whom all things were created, so He may rule over all creation.*
12. *The visible world and the invisible, the world of the spirits and the world of flesh, heaven and hell, angels and demons, know Jesus as Creator and Lord; the church knows Him in a personal way as Redeemer and its Head.*
13. *The process of reconciliation begins with peace; it takes sacrifice to achieve peace; something or someone must give. Jesus reconciled all things to Himself having made peace by the blood of the cross.*
14. *Sacrifice means something must be selflessly released or killed: person, thing, privilege, possession, rights, or opinion; for peace.*
15. *We were guilty without doubt beyond question; alienated beyond approach, yet reconciled and justified beyond reproach, by the cross, not by our own efforts.*

16. *There is no question about God completely removing your sin and reproach, the question is of you remaining complete in Him, not moving from the grace.*
17. *Target every creature under heaven; you may not reach them physically but God will expand your reach beyond you if you will reach into Him to reach out to the far reaches beyond you.*
18. *Ministry is stewardship of the word that will take energy, enthusiasm, effort, affliction and endurance to execute.*
19. *The mystery of the ages hidden in the pages of the law is now revealed history; it is no longer us working our own story of righteousness, but Christ in us the hope of glory.*
20. *It is not the perfect presentation of the gospel that matters, but the persistent presentation of the perfecting gospel to present everyone perfect before God.*

PRAYER POINTS

- By the power of the Holy Spirit, I stir up the passion of follow up and follow through in prayer, and of communication into the hearts of believers, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father God, let wells of life and love, spring from my covenant of hope with You, in the name of Jesus.
- I speak life to every seed of the gospel that is sown in the hearts of unbelievers. Amen.
- Power to pray and get results fall upon believers, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, let leaders in ministry and every believer be endowed with wisdom in spiritual understanding and the power to know Your will. Amen.

WALKING in Christ, living the life In Him whom the fullness of the God-head dwells. Buried, baptized, by faith we arise complete in Him and quickened as well. Holding the head, being nourished and fed, rooted and built up, established in faith. Knit together we are, increasing with God in the Lord, All deterrents to growth to the cross were all nailed.

COLOSSIANS 2

¹For I desire that you know the great conflict I had for you and for those at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in person as yet.

²That their hearts may be comforted, being knit together in love, and prospering unto all richness in Him, of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God and of the Father, and of Christ,

³in whom all treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.

⁴And this, I say, lest any man should deceive you with enticing words;

⁵for though I am absent in the flesh, I am present with you in the spirit, rejoicing and beholding your order and your steadfast faith that is in Christ.

⁶As you have received, Christ Jesus the Lord, even so walk, rooted and built up in Him,
⁷and established in faith, as you were taught, abounding in it with all thanksgiving.
⁸Beware lest any man spoils you through philosophy and vain deceits, after the traditions of men, after the basic teachings of the world, and not according to Christ.
⁹For in Him the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily;
¹⁰and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all power and principality.
¹¹In Him also you are circumcised with the circumcision which is made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ,
¹²buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through the faith in the operation of God, who has raised Him from the dead.
¹³And you who being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has resurrected together with Him, having forgiven you all your trespasses,
¹⁴blotting out the hand-written ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and taking it out of the way, nailing it to the cross.
¹⁵Having plundered principalities and powers, He made an open spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.
¹⁶Now let no man judge you in food or in drink, or in respect to any holy day, or a new moon ordinance, or of the Sabbath days,
¹⁷which are a shadow of things to come, but the body is of Christ.
¹⁸Let no man rob you of your reward, by pretense of humility and the worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his own fleshy mind,
¹⁹and not steadfastly committed to the Head from which everything flows; from which the body, by joints and ligaments, nourished and knit together, increases with the increase of God.
²⁰Therefore if you are dead with Christ from the basic laws of the world, then why are you subject to ordinances as though you are living in the world:
²¹touch not, taste not, handle not,
²²when all these shall perish with use, according to men's commandments and doctrines?
²³These things are similar in appearance to the wisdom of self-imposed religiosity and false humility and the neglect of the body, without any honor, but instead to satisfy the flesh.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Love is an unbreakable thread that knits steadfastly together; it binds human minds and souls*

and hearts.

2. *Understanding the knowledge of the mystery of God brings full assurance; the full assurance of that understanding is wealthy.*
3. *To know wisdom without the fear of God is no wisdom. A person with all accomplishment without Christ has accomplished nothing and is without wisdom, for wisdom is foolish outside of Christ.*
4. *You may enjoy the pleasures of knowledge and attainments but you must enter and discover Christ to find the real treasures of wisdom and knowledge; it is all hidden in Him.*
5. *The physical restraint of your flesh cannot affect the reach of your spirit and the rejoicing and passion of your heart in others and for others.*
6. *If the passion in you is untamable, the power in you to overcome physical obstacles and restrictions to reach out and fulfil your mission is unimaginable. Reach beyond restraint to astounding results.*
7. *What you receive is what is given to you; what you walk in is what you give yourself to.*
8. *To be built up in Jesus, you must be rooted in Jesus; to be rooted in Jesus you must be planted in the word.*
9. *When you are rooted and built up in Jesus, you are established in the faith; this causes you to have a life overflowing with abundant joy and constant thanksgiving.*
10. *The science of spiritual things is not logical or philosophical; it robs science of wisdom, and philosophy of logic.*
11. *Philosophy, science, tradition and basic everyday wisdom and principles will rob you of your spiritual treasure obtained by simple faith.*
12. *God is a Spirit, the Holy Spirit is God, but the fullness, that is, the complete character, power and attributes of who they are, was given a body in Christ; and the fullness of who Christ is, is giving a body in us; in Him we are complete.*
13. *We are not working to achieve completeness, significance or accomplishment, we are working from a place of completeness, significance and accomplishment in Jesus; we are already complete in Him.*
14. *We are circumspect because His crucifixion was our circumcision; our sins were cut away on the cross.*
15. *We were dead in trespasses and baptism buried us; we were made alive in Christ and raised together with Him, but our sins are forever buried in the cross.*
16. *The ordinances that contradict our faith were not abolished they were absolved and wiped out.*
17. *Jesus took the nails in His hands to speak up for us so he could wipe out the hand written ordinances speaking out against us.*
18. *Principalities and powers are defeated, disarmed, disenfranchised, rendered powerless and publicly paraded so there is no question of who has all power.*
19. *Evil spiritual powers prey without power and tremble at the power of your prayers.*
20. *Rituals ratify religion, but have no relevance to righteousness; the food, the drink, the festivals, show Christ but do not satisfy the cross.*
21. *It is brainless to disconnect from your Head, literally; this is the effect of deviant worship. The knitting together of the body connected to and nourished by the Head, brings growth and God-given increase.*
22. *When you impose on yourself what was nailed to*

the cross, you propose to yourself that the cross was not adequate to carry you, and its efficacy does not impress you.

- 23. *It is best to regulate yourself to align with God's righteousness than to regulate His righteousness by imposing rules on yourself.*
- 24. *Touch not, taste not, handle not, may make you feel as if you have sinned not, but it is stubborn ignorance that values not when it comes to self-indulgence.*
- 25. *You cannot celebrate the flesh to contain, restrain or celibate the flesh; rituals are valueless.*
- 26. *What you focus on will no doubt focus on you and become the focus of your life.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, bind the hearts of every believer across the globe with love, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father my God, open to me the door of the wealth of the knowledge of Your mysteries. Amen.
- I hide myself in You Father through my Lord Jesus Christ; this is my only wisdom. Amen.
- I will live in the fear of the living God; this is the wisdom I will celebrate. Amen.
- I refuse to be limited by my physical restraint; I am a spirit and I live from the spirit. Amen.

WHERE will you be when Christ shall appear?

Grouped with the earthy, or in glory's bright sphere?

Are your affections set on things above, Risen with Christ and in His love?

Is God's word rich in you with all wisdom? Will you be found with malice and with wrath?

Or will His peace be ruling in your hearts? Yes, seek Him where He is found, And be found doing so when He comes.

COLOSSIANS 3

¹If you are risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

²Set your affections on things above, not on things of the earth;

³for you are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴When Christ who is our life appears, then you will also appear with Him in glory.

⁵Therefore mortify your members which are upon this earth: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate passion, evil desires and covetousness, which is idolatry.

⁶For the sake of these things God's wrath comes upon the children of disobedience,

⁷in which you also walked once, when you had lived in them.

⁸But now you must also put all these things off: anger, malice, blasphemy, wrath, and put filthy language out of your mouth.

⁹Do not tell lies to each other since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

¹⁰and have put on the new man, which is

renewed in knowledge after the image of Him who created him,

¹¹where there is no difference between Jew or Greek, bond or free, circumcision and uncircumcision,

Barbarian and Scythian, but Christ is all and in all.

¹²Put on therefore, holy and beloved, as God's elect, a heart of mercy, humility of mind, kindness, meekness and all longsuffering;

¹³bearing with one another, forgiving each other.

If any man has a quarrel against any, as Christ forgave you, even so also you must forgive.

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

¹⁵Allow the peace of God to rule in your hearts,

to which also you are called in one body; and be thankful.

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom,

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

¹⁷And whatever you do in word and in action, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, through Him.

¹⁸Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as this is proper in the Lord.

¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and never be bitter against them.

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

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

²²Servants, obey your masters in all things according to the flesh, not with eyeservice as menpleasers, but with a genuine heart and with godly fear.

²³And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to God and not to man,

²⁴knowing that you shall receive the reward of your inheritance from the Lord, for you serve the Lord Christ.

²⁵But he who does wrong shall receive for the wrong he has done,

and there is no partiality in judgment with God.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *You set your mind on what you seek to settle your search, for you can only reach for what your mind sees; a fixed heart cannot be distracted or deceived.*
2. *It is best to be assured than insured; insurance covers you in the earth; assurance covers your eternity; insurance sets your heart on this life; assurance sets your heart above where Christ is sitting on His throne.*
3. *Our life is not just in Christ, our life is Christ; you see me you see Christ. You will see my glory*

when you see His glory for I will be glorified with Him and will appear in His glory with Him.

4. *You see me but do not know me because you see the then me, which is the dead me; you look at me but cannot recognize me because the new me is hidden with Christ in God.*
5. *Where the members of the old man: lust, greed and all flesh, are alive, you are dead; you put to death the flesh to come alive in Christ.*
6. *Covetousness is not becoming, it is oblation; greed is not worth it, it is worship; whatever supersedes God in your heart is idolatry.*
7. *The language you speak sets heaven off on your behalf or puts off heaven; put off filthy language, anger, wrath, malice and blasphemy from your mouth and heaven will put away the wrath of God designated against you.*
8. *We do not lie, not because we cannot lie, but because there is no lie in us; love does not know how to lie for love is integrity.*
9. *We wear the new person renewed in the knowledge of Christ; the old person wears us down, wears us away, and wears away the good in us.*
10. *The old man has no true knowledge, but false information that programs it to self-destruct; the new person has new knowledge fully aligned with the Creator and His created purpose and designation.*
11. *There is no racial, cultural or class barrier in Christ; Christ in everyone dissolves all the barriers to become everything.*
12. *It is not just what you put off that matters but what you put on; if you put off the old man, but 'put off' to put on the new man then you will be weak and ineffective.*
13. *You may have to bear what you cannot bless or even believe; you may have to forgive what burdens and aggravates you, in order to honorably put on love, which perfects us and binds us together in a perfect God.*
14. *The word of God is rich but will have little effect on you unless you memorize it, meditate on it, teach it and mix it with worship, so it is in you richly and rich in your conversations.*
15. *The strength of your Christian life is measured by the extent of the discipline that you adopt in devotion, meditation, study and worship; we should be joyful, worshipping, walking Bibles.*
16. *It is not too menial to be spiritual; do everything, whatever it is, in the name of Jesus.*
17. *Submission is not humiliation; it is humility; it is not removal of dignity, but alignment with authority and untimely God's.*
18. *A bitter husband cannot make a better marriage; apply a bit of grace and forgiveness, and love will make the bitter better.*
19. *It is for children to obey and fathers to exercise restraint; honor engages the heart of God; restraint sacrifices self to engage destiny and the calling of God.*
20. *Your labor may be forced, but a bad attitude does not have to follow; align your attitude to the fear of the Lord and obedience and distinction in service becomes easy though it pains.*
21. *Put everything in it, not because of who you are doing it for, but who you are doing it to; not because of who is working you, but who is rewarding you, the Lord Jesus.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Most Righteous Father, my heart is fixed on You;

I shall not be moved. Amen.

- My heart is settled; I have the blessed assurance of my hope in heaven and the Holy Spirit as my seal and guarantee. Amen.
- My Jesus my Lord, I make it no secret, I am nothing outside of You and I am everything in You. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, I embrace the newness of my life in You; put Christ on display in me. Amen.
- I declare that the old me is dead and I am hidden with Christ in God; I am alive in Christ and it feels great. Amen.

**SHAKE the salt from the shaker,
Sand rub it on your words.**

Then add some grace thereafter and serve it to the world.

Let this be the mode of your every answer.

Now receive all my fellow ministers.

We pray you stand perfect in God's will.

Take heed that your ministry be fulfilled.

COLOSSIANS 4

¹Masters, give to your servants what is fair and just, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

²Continue in prayer, and watch prayerfully with thanksgiving,

³praying always 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, ⁴that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak.

⁵Now, walk in wisdom toward those who are without, redeeming the time.

⁶Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt that you may know how you ought to answer every man.

⁷Tychicus, who stands with me, a beloved brother, a faithful minister of the word and fellow servant in the Lord, shall update you on all my affairs;

⁸I have sent him to you for this purpose, that he might know your situation, and he shall bring comfort to your hearts,

⁹along with Onesimus, a faithful brother and beloved, who is one of you.

And they shall make known to you all things that are done here.

¹⁰Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends greetings, with Mark, the son of Barnabas's sister, (concerning whom you have received instructions; if he comes to you, receive him),

¹¹and Jesus, who is called Justus, who is of the circumcision.

These are my only fellow-workers for the kingdom of God; they have been a comfort to me.

¹²Epaphras, who is also one of you, a servant of Christ's, salutes you,

always laboring fervently in prayer for you that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God;

¹³for I bear record of him that he has a great zeal for you,

and for those who are at Laodicea and those who are in Hierapolis.

¹⁴Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas

greet you.

15 Salute the brethren at Laodicea and Nympha and the church in his house.

16 And when this epistle is read among you, cause it to be read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that likewise, you read the epistle that I wrote to Laodicea.

17 And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry you have received in the Lord, that you fulfill it."

18 The salutation by the hand of me, Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be to you! Amen.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Honest wage for an honest day, for you have an honest Judge who judges honesty in every case.*
2. *Your valiance in life stems from your vigilance in prayer; your possessing and progressing stems from your persistence in prayer.*
3. *The greatest leaders among us are those who are never satisfied; those who desire to do more and more, with greater effect and who want open doors to leave more, to reach more, to disciple more.*
4. *Time does not afford a mistake with unbelievers; your wisdom towards them must always be timely with full understanding of the urgency of the times.*
5. *Speaking gracious words is becoming; it does not come because people are grateful or deserving. When you speak, go beyond all reasoning, add salt for a little seasoning; speak life.*
6. *You speak from the wealth of your resources, to pull others from the gutter of being an abuser, rather than in the gutter because of their abuses.*
7. *Love is always praying for the good of others and always aching for good news about them; love communicates.*
8. *Ministry is not a solo effort, it is the bonding of souls in one body in the field of souls; communication from and to every part of the body makes the body strong and healthy.*
9. *You are never too elevated to get personal and relational at every level; knowing how much you care makes caring how much you know a fam-*

ily matter.

10. *Sharing what you are doing, stimulates interest in what you are doing and generates excitement about what others are doing that connects with and relates to what you are doing.*
11. *A team that progresses in pursuing purpose must include intercessors constantly releasing, sealing and declaring purpose.*
12. *Intervention in the physical realm must be led by intercession in the spiritual realm.*
13. *No battle is won in the physical unless first taken in the spiritual. There is no progress in the physical without success in the spiritual; target your efforts wisely to determine your effectiveness.*
14. *You cannot compete with Christians who are perfect and complete in God's will, for this involves knowing and doing and hearing and being.*
15. *Pray perfection and completeness in the will of God over your family, your nation, your church and over every person you desire to love to perfection.*
16. *It does not matter how filled you are but how fulfilled; it does not matter how much is committed to you, but how committed you are and how much you are committed to do.*
17. *Completion and fulfillments come with determination and commitment.*
18. *Never forget the chains, the pain, the sacrifices and the need of those who are on the mission field and in full-time ministry.*

PRAYER POINTS

- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I speak honesty and integrity into the hearts of every believing worker and employer, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to pray until things happen, fall upon believers today. Holy Spirit, let prayer become as natural to me as breathing. Amen.
- I release the agitation of dissatisfaction into the hearts of ministers and believers, especially the accomplished, in the name of Jesus.
- Divine urgency towards the ones we claim we love, consume the spirit of every believer now, in the name of Jesus.
- By the Holy Ghost and Fire, I anoint the tongue of every believer to speak grace and life only, in the name of Jesus.

In Hippolytus' records, Lebbaeus, who is also called Thaddaeus or Jude, preached to the people at Edessa, and to all Mesopotamia and died of natural causes in Berytus, and was buried there.

This feature continues at the end of the next chapter.