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Colossians Chapter 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, **2** To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **3** We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, **4** since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; **5** because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, **6** which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth

fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; **7** as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, **8** who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. **9** For this reason we also, since the day we heard 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 worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; **12** giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. **13** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation
16 for by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or

dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

17 And He is before all things, and in 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 may have the pre-eminence.

19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

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

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your

mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled **22** in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight **23** if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a Minister. **24** I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, **25** of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which

was given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God, **26** the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. **27** To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory **28** Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. **29** To this end I also labour, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

Chapter 2

1 For I want you to know what a

great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, **2** that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, **3** in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. **5** For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,**7** rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. **8** Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles 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 Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins

of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, **12** buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. **13** And you, being dead in your trespasses and the circumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him having forgiven you all trespasses **14** having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. **15** Having disarmed principalities and powers; He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths **17** which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. **18** Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, **19** and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God. **20** Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living

in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations

21 Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle, **22** which all concern things which perish with the using-according to the commandments and doctrines of men? **23** These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

Chapter 3

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on things above not on things on the earth.

3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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

5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry

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

7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy

language out of your mouth.

9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, **10** and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, **11** where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness longsuffering,

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another;

even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.**14** But 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 also you were called in 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 whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord

19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward 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 become discouraged.

22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but insincerity of heart, fearing God.

23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,**24** knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.**25** But he who does wrong will be repaid for

what he has done, and there is no partiality.

Chapter 4

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

2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with

thanksgiving; **3** meanwhile

praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the

word, to speak the mystery of

Christ, for which I am also in

chains, **4** that I may make it

manifest, as I ought to speak.

5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the

time. **6** Let your speech always be

with grace, seasoned with salt,

that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

7 Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me.

8 I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, **9** with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here. **10** Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions if he comes to you, welcome him)

11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision they have proved to be a comfort to me.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. **13** For I bear him

witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.

14 Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.

15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church that is in his house.

16 Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

17 and say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you fulfil it. **18** The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you **Amen.**

1.Thessalonians

Chapter 1

1 Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the church of Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **2** We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers. **3** remembering without ceasing your work of faith labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of God and Father. **4** knowing, beloved brethren your election by God. **5** For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. **6** And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in

much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, **7** so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believed **8** For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out so that we do not need to say anything **9** For they themselves declare concerning us, what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, **10** and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Chapter 2

1 For you yourselves know brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain. **2** But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God in much conflict.

3 Our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it deceit. **4** But as we have been approached by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts

5 For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you do not know, nor a cloak for covetousness, God is witness.

6 Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. **7** But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children **8** Being affectionately desirous of you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

9 For you remember, brethren, our labour and toil; for labouring night and day that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.

10 You are witnesses, and God

also, how devoutly and just and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among; you who believe

11 as you know how we exhorted and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, **12** that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. **13** For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God which also effectively works in you who believe. **14** For you brethren became imitators of the churches

of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans, **15** who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, **16** forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost. **17** But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured more eagerly to see your face.

18 Therefore we wanted to come to you even I, Paul, time and again, but Satan hindered us.

19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming

20 For you are our glory and joy.

Chapter 3

1 Therefore, when we could no longer endure it, we thought it good to be left in Athens alone,
2 and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow labourer on the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith, **3** that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for

yourselves know that we are appointed to this **4** For in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know. **5** For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labour might be in vain. **6** But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring us, as we also to see you, **7** therefore, brethren, in all our afflictions and distress we were comforted

concerning you by your faith.

8 For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.**9** For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God,
10 night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith? **11** Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you **12** And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, **13** so that we may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord

Jesus Christ with all His saints.

Chapter 4

1 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you receive from us how you ought to walk and to please God; **2** for you know what commandment we gave you through the Lord Jesus

3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honour.

5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

6 that no one should take

advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. **7** For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. **8** Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit. **9** But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another **10** and indeed you do so towards all the brethren who are in Macedonia.

But we urge you brethren, that you increase more and more;

11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you **12** that you may walk properly towards those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing. **13** But I do not want you to be ignorant brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Christ. **15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede

those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, and with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Chapter 5

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. **2** For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord

so comes as a thief in the night
3 for when they say, Peace and safety! Then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

4 But you brethren are not in darkness, so that this day should overtake you as a thief.

5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness **6** Therefore let us not sleep as others do, but let us watch and be sober

7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. **8** But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith

and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing. **12** And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labour among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you. **13** And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

14 Now we exhort you brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold

the weak, be patient with all men.

15 See you do not render evil for evil unto any man, but follow that which is good, both among yourselves and all men.

16 Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing **18** in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

19 Do not quench the Spirit.

20 Do not despise prophecies.

21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. **22** Abstain from every form of evil. **23** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. **25** Brethren, pray for us. **26** Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren. **28** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you **Amen**

2nd-Thessalonians

Chapter 1

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians. In God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: **2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows

exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,**4** so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure.

5 which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgement of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; **6** since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, **7** and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

9 These shall be punishable with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, **10** when He comes, in that day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. **11** Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power.

12 that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ

Chapter 2

1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, **2** not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled either by spirit, or by word, or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come **3** Let no one deceive you by any means; for that day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God showing himself that he is God.

5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? **6** And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.

7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way,

8 And then the lawlessness one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, **10** and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of truth that they might be saved.

11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness **13** But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for

salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, **14** to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. **16** Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, **17** comfort your hearts and establish you in every good work.

Chapter 3

1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swift and be glorified, just as it is

with you, **2** and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. **3** But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. **4** And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. **5** Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ. **6** But we command you brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you, **8** nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labour and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, **9** not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. **10** For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. **11** For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. **12** Now those who are such we

command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread. **13** But as for you, brethren do not grow weary in doing good **14** And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed **15** Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. **16** Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all. **17** The salutation of Paul with my own hand, which is a sign in every epistle; so I write.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **Amen**