

A Letter to the Colossians

A Daily Study-Devotional

(Including Chapter-by-Chapter Study Questions)

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This book is dedicated to

All my dear spiritual family, whom God has graciously provided.

It has been "*exceeding and abundantly*" above all that
I could have asked for or even thought! (*Ephesians 3:20*)

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Do you know for sure that you are just before God and saved from the wrath to come? It is by simple faith. Believe what God said is true!

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”

(Romans 5:8-9)

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK AND HOW TO USE IT

The purpose of this study-devotional is to provide direction for daily time in God's Word for reflection and to intimately connect with God the Father. This book is organized to be a daily devotional, enabling individuals to read one or two verses each day for personal growth, meditation, and study.

This resource can be used in more than one way. Day 1, for example, can be used for one day's devotional time in the Word or for a whole week, depending on your available time and the depth of study desired. Writing down what has been learned on the lines provided, enables easy access so you can quickly pick up where you left off.

In all cases, the Scripture is the absolute authority. Consider every word as important and inspired by God. When reading, some Bible verses may seem unclear. However, God teaches us slowly, precisely what we are able to understand. Be patient with yourself as this is God's Living Word. Understanding comes in time as you are ready.

Daily Study-Devotional

Background

The book of Colossians was written by the Apostle Paul, with Timothy: *“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother, to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse...”* (Colossians 1:1-2) Colosse was an ancient city of Phrygia in Asia Minor, north of the Mediterranean Sea, near Galatia. Archeologists discovered the Colosse ruins in modern day Turkey. History indicates that this epistle was written between A.D. 55-62, during Paul’s first imprisonment.

The saints in Colosse belonged to one of the more mature Churches, faithfully living out the doctrine. This book is positioned within Paul’s advanced doctrinal letters, Ephesians-Thessalonians. Scripture teaches they were consistent believers, loved all the saints, and allowed the Word to produce spiritual fruit within them. (Colossians 1:2,4,6) Though Paul beheld their *“order,”* and the *“steadfastness”* of their faith (Colossians 2:5), he also saw it was necessary to provide specific instructions to encourage them to grow and warn them about potential dangers. This was especially needed as they were undergoing great persecution and attacks from the adversary, Satan. (Col. 2)

*This study-devotional is designed to prompt thought in new ways, as you purposefully make time to think about the verses for understanding and application. The questions can stir up new ways to independently look at the passages. Remember, it is God’s Book. Only God knows all the answers.
Enjoy the process!

Daily Study-Devotional



DAY 1

Verses for the day: *Colossians 1:1-2:*
“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother, 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.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) In these opening verses, name the two things Paul addresses in this letter. Does he do this in other epistles?
- 2) How many of His letters open with this phrase *“grace and peace?”* What is this teaching the reader?
- 3) Do you have *“grace and peace”* living in and through your life? If you do, how? If you don’t, what changes are needed?

Journal your thoughts



DAY 2

Verses for the day: *Colossians 1:3-4:*

“We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

1) Paul gives thanks for the saints often. Can you find other times he discusses being thankful in *Colossians*? Do a word search: thanks, thankful, thanking, thanksgiving. How does being thankful help us?

2) Since Paul prays “*always*” (at all times) for the Colossians, are you to do the same for saints in your life? What would this look like?

3) How did Paul show his love for the saints in Colosse? How does your love for other believers express itself?

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DAY 3

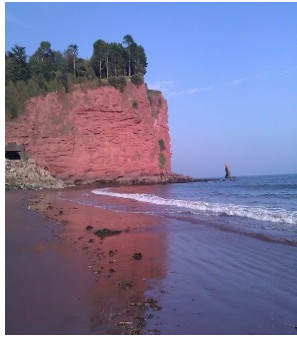
Verses for the day: *Colossians 1:5-6:*

“For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; 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.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) Can you describe this hope, *“which is laid up”* in heaven for you? Is this your hope as you live each day?
- 2) Can you list some of the fruit that is brought forth by the gospel? What fruit did the Colossians manifest?
- 3) Do you know what *“the grace of God”* is, which is given to you? Can you clearly relay this to others? How?

Journal your thoughts



DAY 4

Verses for the day: *Colossians 1:7-8:*

“As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) Define “*fellowservant*.” Look at the context first, then consult a dictionary. Use a concordance to find individuals who have been called faithful servants in the Bible.
- 2) What is a “*faithful minister*?” Name other Bible characters who have these qualities? Do you personally know anyone?
- 3) What does a person’s “*love in the Spirit*” look like when it functions within a saint?

Journal your thoughts



DAY 5

Verse for the day: *Colossians 1:9: “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.”*

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What is Paul specifically referring to when he says, “*For this cause?*” What was Paul’s motivation to pray for them?
- 2) Practically, how would someone “*cease not to pray for you,*” while living day-to-day? Describe what it would look like in your life.
- 3) How is one “*filled with the knowledge of his will?*” Are you filled with this? Can you describe it in detail?

Journal your thoughts



Day 6

Verse for the day: *Colossians 1:10:*
“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What does the word *“that”* mean? This verse explains Paul’s reason for praying for the Colossians. What was it?
- 2) According to this verse, how can we be worthy to please our Lord? Name two things.
- 3) Describe being *“fruitful in every good work.”* Can you see this in your life? Name some of the ways?
- 4) The phrase *“might walk worthy”* indicates it is a decision. Explain the meaning of the word, *“might.”*

Journal your thoughts



Day 7

Verse for the day: *Colossians 1:11:*

“Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) If you are filled with God’s will (*Verse 9*), you will be *“strengthened with all might.”* How does this relate to the armor referred to in *Ephesians 6:10-20*?
- 2) What will this look like in your life, according to the verse? There are three qualities listed. What are they?
- 3) This strength is according to *“His glorious power.”* How do you access this strength for your day-to-day living?

Journal your thoughts



Day 8

Verse for the day: *Colossians 1:12:*

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

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What are the things you are to give “*thanks*” for in the context? Look back to *verse 11* for the answer.
- 2) Are your prayers mostly about asking God for more earthly things or being thankful for all the spiritual things the Father has already given you? How can you be more thankful each day?
- 3) If you are a partaker “*of the inheritance,*” do you know to what this is referring? Search it out: do a word study on “*heirs,*” “*joint heirs,*” and “*inheritance*” in Paul’s letters.

Journal your thoughts



Day 9

Verse for the day: *Colossians 1:13:*

“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) God *“delivered us”* from Satan’s control once we are saved. Describe how the *“power of darkness”* held you captive? *Ephesians 2:1-3 and 4:17-19* may provide clarity.
- 2) What is the significance of the word *“hath”* in this verse?
- 3) Describe *“the kingdom of his dear Son,”* including where it is located. You still reside here on earth, so how have you been translated *“into the Kingdom of his dear Son”*?

Journal your thoughts



Day 10

Verses for the day: *Colossians 1:14-15: "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature."*

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) Who is it referring to when it says, "*In whom?*" To find out, look back at the verse before.
- 2) In Christ you have two things according to the verse. What are they?
- 3) Define "*redemption*" in your own words? How does "*his blood*" relate to this glorious Truth?
- 4) Explain how having "*forgiveness*" enables you to have a ministry with others in this world?

Journal your thoughts



Day 11

Verse for the day: *Colossians 1:16: "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"*

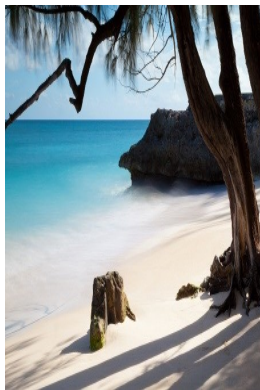
Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

1) *Hebrews 11:3 "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."*

What can you confidently conclude from this verse, together with *Colossian 1:16* about Creation?

2) What are the "thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers?" Do any verses come to mind to help explain them? Do a word search to find more information.

Journal your thoughts



Day 12

Verses for the day: *Colossians 1:17-18:*

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

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What does it mean that *“he is before all things?”*
- 2) Christ is *“the head of the Body.”* How can Christ, being your Head, help you make decisions? In what way can Christ’s role as the Head affect how you interact with and feel about other Body members?
- 3) Define the word *“preeminence.”* Describe three ways Christ can have *“preeminence”* in your personal life?

Journal your thoughts



Day 13

Verses for the day: *Colossians 1:19-20:*

“For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; 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.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What is this “*fulness*” that dwells in Christ? Could it be related to what it says in *Ephesians 3:19-21*? What else?
- 2) Define “*the peace*” you have with God due to “*the blood of the cross.*” Do you know another verse that teaches this?
- 3) When did God “*reconcile all things unto himself?*” Describe what this means.

Journal your thoughts



Day 14

Verses for the day: *Colossians 1:21-22:*

“And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproueable in his sight”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) Name two things in the verse that “*wicked works*” do in the unbeliever’s mind, which separates them from God?
- 2) How did Christ reconcile saints? Explain how the believer is changed by Christ’s death, according to the verse.
- 3) How can this motivate you as a believer in this life? List a few things.

Journal your thoughts



Day 15

Verse for the day: *Colossians 1:23: "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"*

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) Describe what it means to *"continue in the faith,"* according to the verse. How is this working in you now?
- 2) How can you become more *"grounded and settled"* in the sound doctrine?
- 3) Have you ever been or are you now *"moved away from the hope of the gospel?"* What does the verse indicate you can do to maintain hope?

Journal your thoughts



Day 16

Verse for the day: *Colossians 1:24: "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"*

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) Specifically, what were *"the sufferings"* Paul experienced? Can you find verses that provide detail?
- 2) Do you experience *"the afflictions of Christ?"* What are they?
- 3) Explain the phrase: *"for his body's sake"* Is this to be your motivation also? Describe what it would look like.
- 4) Paul rejoices in suffering. For whom does he suffer, according to the verse? Can you suffer in this way? Do you?

Journal your thoughts



Day 17

Verse for the day: *Colossians 1:25:*

*“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”*

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) For what purpose was Paul *“made a minister?”*
- 2) Define *“dispensation of God.”* Were there other dispensations? Can you list any of them?
- 3) How did Paul, *“according to the dispensation of God,”* complete or *“fulfill the Word of God?”*
- 4) It is important to realize that Paul’s gospel fulfils the Word, but how does it help you to know?

Journal your thoughts



Day 18

Verse for the day: *Colossians 1:26:*

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

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) There is more than one “*mystery*” in Paul’s epistles. What is this “*mystery*?” Can you list any others?
- 2) Was this “*mystery*” hidden from the saints who lived in Jesus’ day? Use a verse to prove your answer.
- 3) To what time period does “*But now*” refer? Does it relate to you today? How will knowing the answer affect where and how you read and study?

Journal your thoughts



Day 20

Verse for the day: *Colossians 1:28:*

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

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) It states that Paul and his fellow laborers taught these things. Are you also to teach this, or was it just for them?
- 2) Describe how Paul was *“warning every man and teaching?”* Was it in grace? What would that look like?
- 3) The last phrase begins with the word, *“that.”* This tells you the reason Paul is doing these things. What does the verse teach you about his purpose and yours?

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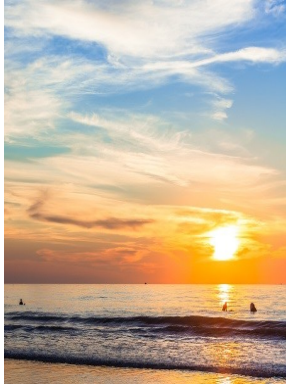
Day 21

Verse for the day: *Colossians 1:29:*
“Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) Define *“labor”* and *“striving.”*
- 2) Paul teaches grace doctrines and that you are not under the works of the law. Yet as your pattern, he is laboring and striving. Aren't you under grace? Explain.
- 3) Do you *“labor”* and *strive* unto the Lord? List how. Who is actually doing the work and how is it done?
- 4) Christ works *“mightily”* in you as you believe. Explain how this can help you.

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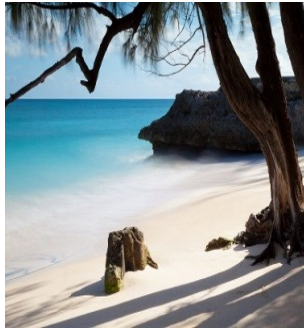
Day 23

Verse for the day: *Colossians 2:2: "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ"*

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) How does being *"knit together in love,"* comfort you?
- 2) What are the *"riches"* you receive from the *"full assurance of understanding?"*
- 3) Describe what it would look like to acknowledge *"the mystery?"* Are there three separate mysteries according to the verse, or just one? Describe.

Journal your thoughts



Day 24

Verses for the day: *Colossians 2:3-4:*
“In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) When you see a term like *“in whom,”* look back to get the context. Search to find a verse that explains to whom the verse is referring.
- 2) Meditate on and describe *“all the treasures”* Why do you need *“wisdom and knowledge?”*
- 3) What does the word *“beguile”* mean? How do men *“beguile”* saints today?

Journal your thoughts



Day 25

Verse for the day: *Colossians 2:5: “For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.”*

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) Describe how Paul could be with them *“in spirit,”* though physically in a different place. Do you do this with anyone?
- 2) In the first chapters of each epistle, Paul indicates the spiritual status of the Church or the person in which he is writing. What does he say here about the Colossian Church?
- 3) Why is it important to have *“order and the steadfastness”* of faith? What do these terms mean and do you and your Church have these qualities?

Journal your thoughts



Day 27

Verse for the day: *Colossians 2:7:*
“Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What is the context of this verse? Look at the prior verse to understand.
- 2) Describe someone you know who is *“rooted and built up”* in Christ, and *“stablished in the faith?”* What are some of their godly qualities?
- 3) How can a saint abound? What would thankfulness look like as a result of knowing and living these things? Do you manifest thankfulness for all God has provided?

Journal your thoughts



Day 28

Verse for the day: *Colossians 2:8:*

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) This verse opens as a caution. What word gives this impression? How can this warning be helpful to you?
- 2) How is one *“spoiled?”* What would this look like?
- 3) Is Satan using *“the rudiments of the world”* to pull you away from walking after the Spirit and Christ? Define the word, *“rudiments.”*

Journal your thoughts



Day 29

Verses for the day: *Colossians 2:9-10:*

“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What does the term “*dwelleth*” mean?
- 2) What is it that dwells in the Lord Jesus, according to this verse? Can you define what “*all the fulness of the Godhead bodily*” really means? Notice that Christ is “*the head of all principality and power.*” Can you describe what this means?
- 3) How do you know you are “*complete in Christ?*”

Journal your thoughts



Day 31

Verse for the day: *Colossians 2:12: "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead."*

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) How are you "buried" with Christ? What was "buried?" Review *Romans 6:1-6* and see if it is helpful.
- 2) What observable proof do you have that you are "risen" with Christ? *Romans 6* may be helpful in answering.
- 3) Describe what you understand about God's "operation" to raise us "from the dead" as He did Christ. Is this also in *Romans 6*?

Journal your thoughts



Day 32

Verse for the day: *Colossians 2:13:*

“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) When did you become *“dead in your sins and the uncircumcised of your flesh?”*
- 2) Who were circumcised in the flesh and why was this done? Refer to *Genesis 17:10*.
- 3) The forgiveness of sins enabled you to be *“quicken.”* Is this a familiar term? If not, consult a dictionary.

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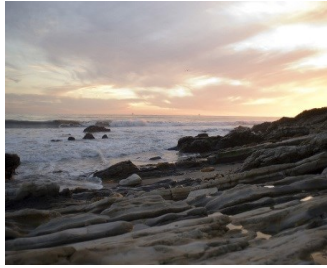
Day 33

Verse for the day: *Colossians 2:14:*
“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What exactly was “*against us*” and describe it’s affect?
- 2) Since the Law was actually “*contrary to us,*” and your sinful flesh, God had do something to free you. What was done according to the verse? Was this literal or figurative?
- 3) To what is the “handwriting of ordinances” referring? How does it still affect you?
- 4) How does knowing this verse help you as a Christian?

Journal your thoughts



Day 34

Verse for the day: *Colossians 2:15:*
“*And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What are “*principalities and powers?*” Can you recall where else Paul used this term? One place is *Ephesians 6:12*. Does this clarify the phrase? Describe it.
- 2) How did God spoil them and what does spoil mean?
- 3) Describe what caused “*triumphing over them?*” Look back to find the answer.
- 4) Understanding that God has defeated Satan can help you as you live in this sin cursed world. How?

Journal your thoughts



Day 35

Verse for the day: *Colossians 2:16:*

“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) When someone judges you in things that you do, how is this putting you under the law?
- 2) While this list of five issues are often related to the Mosaic Law, how can Christians fall prey to them today? Think of specific examples.
- 3) Read what Paul says about others judging him or even judging himself in *1 Corinthians 4:3-4*. Who is your judge?

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Day 36

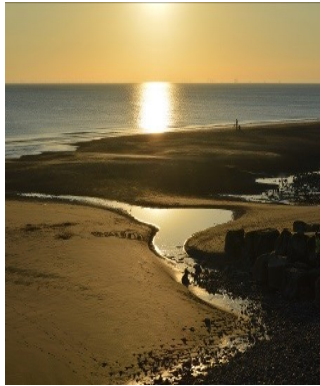
Verse for the day: *Colossians 2:17:*

“Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) There are many things in the Old Testament that are “*a shadow of things to come.*” What does “*a shadow*” mean?
- 2) Where in the New Testament is this term “*a shadow*” used in a similar way? Does this reference help you understand *Colossians 2:17*? Be sure to look at the context.
- 3) What is it referring to when it says “*things to come?*”
- 4) Why was the word “*but*” used in this verse?

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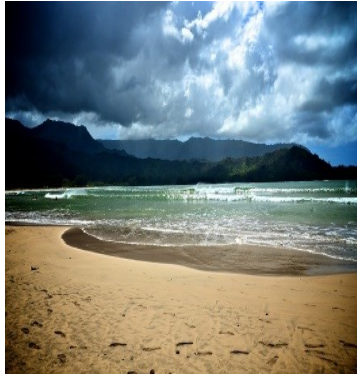
Day 37

Verse for the day: *Colossians 2:18:*
“Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) How can someone “*beguile you*” and to what “*reward*” is it referring?
- 2) Think out the phrase: “*voluntary humility.*” This isn’t godly humility generated by Christ in you, so what is it?
- 3) The term “*intruding*” often means inserting oneself in something. How does this help you understand, “*intruding into those things which he hath not seen?*”

Journal your thoughts



Day 38

Verse for the day: *Colossians 2:19:*
“And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) Who is *“the Head”*? Look back to where this was taught earlier in *Colossians 1:18-19* for clues.
- 2) Why is it important for you to hold *“the Head?”* If you do not, who would be your head and how would it affect your day-to-day walk?
- 3) Who ministers *“nourishment”* to all the Body, according to the verse? Think about how this is done.
- 4) What is *“the increase of God?”*

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Day 39

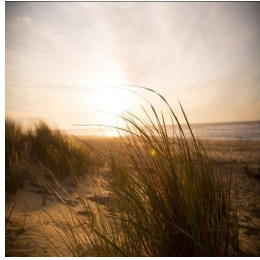
Verses for the day: *Colossians 2:20-21:*

“Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not;”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What does *Romans 6* teach about being “*dead with Christ?*” How does this help you understand *Verse 20?*
- 2) Can you define the phrase “*rudiments of the world?*”
- 3) Being in subjection “*to ordinances*” is being under the law, like the Mosaic Law. Should you put yourself under this, when you’re under grace? How can this be corrected, if you are subjecting yourself to the law?

Journal your thoughts



Day 40

Verse for the day: *Colossians 2:22:*

“Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What does this phrase mean: *“Which all are to perish?”*
- 2) Which things are eternal and will not *“perish,”* man-made religion and doctrines or God’s way?
- 3) When someone is put under man-made expectations and pressures to perform, is this considered *“commandments and doctrines?”*
- 4) Name two man-made *“commandments”* in use today. What are examples of *“doctrines of men”* that you have obeyed recently?

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Day 46

Verses for the day: *Colossians 3:6-7:*
“For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) To what does “*For which things’ sake*” refer?
- 2) Who are the “*children of disobedience*” in this verse?
- 3) Is the phrase, “*children of disobedience,*” referring to you?” Prove your answer using verses. Do you regularly live your life with the behaviors named in *Colossians 3:5*? If yes, make a plan to walk by faith to glorify God instead.

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Day 48

Verses for the day: *Colossians 3:9-10:*

“Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) Can saints really “lie” to one another? Explain.
- 2) What is “*the old man*” and “*the new man*”? Do you have both? When was your “old man” “put off.” It may help to look at *Romans 6:6*.
- 3) “*The new man*” is “*renewed in knowledge after the image of Christ.*” Explain how the process works.

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Day 50

Verse for the day: *Colossians 3:12:*

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What term is used to describe the believer? What does it teach about how Paul sees the Colossians?
- 2) In the flesh, you are unable to “*put on*” these qualities. How is it to be done? What passage helps you?
- 3) Examine the attributes listed. How are they being manifest in your life? Are there any that you would like to acquire? What are they and how can you do it?

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Day 51

Verse for the day: *Colossians 3:13:*
“Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) In this verse, Paul is continuing his thought. Look back to recall what is he asking us to do?
- 2) How would you *“forbear one another?”* Use a dictionary to gain a full definition of *“forbear.”* How can you allow Christ to help you live this out in a relationship?
- 3) Think about a current *“quarrel”* you have with someone. How can you forgive him as Christ forgave you?

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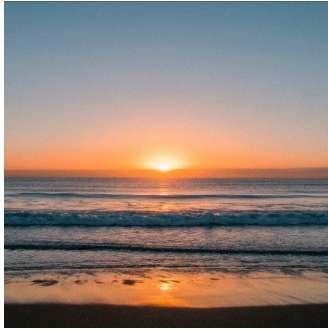
Day 58

Verses for the day: *Colossians 3:20-21:*
“Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) Is this direction to children in *verse 20* an inter-dispensational instruction (found through all Bible times?) If yes, prove your answer with verses.
- 2) How could a father “*provoke*” his child? List a few ways this could happen.
- 3) What causes a child’s “*anger*?” Give examples of how a youth can become “*discouraged*.”

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Day 59

Verse for the day: *Colossians 3:22:*

“Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) To whom is it referring, when it says “servants?”
- 2) Does the term “masters” include anyone who is over you while living on earth? What would it look like to have a faithful attitude toward them?
- 3) Reflect on times you have given “eyeservice as menpleasers.” Describe it. Now define what is meant by “singleness of heart” in the fear of God.

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Day 60

Verse for the day: *Colossians 3:23:*

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) When it says, *“whatsoever ye do,”* does it really mean everything, like raking the leaves, making your bed, and taking a walk? Explain.
- 2) Deciding to do all things *“heartily,”* rather than with minimal effort and thought, could change up your life and outlook. How would this adjust how you do things in one challenging area of your life?
- 3) As you do all things unto the Lord and *“not unto men,”* you will have a new motivation and different expectations of others. Describe what this would look like for you when serving your spouse, parent, or a boss at work.

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Day 61

Verse for the day: *Colossians 3:24:*

“Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) This verse states you *“shall receive the reward of the inheritance.”* What is this? Do you know similar verses?
- 2) Is this verse referring to *I Corinthians 3:14*? How is it the same or different?
- 3) How are you to *“serve the Lord Christ?”*
- 4) Why did he say *“Lord Christ”* rather than Christ the Lord or the Lord Jesus Christ? Do the names and the order of the names signify something? Notice the various ways His name is written in *I Corinthians 1:1-10*. Why was this done?

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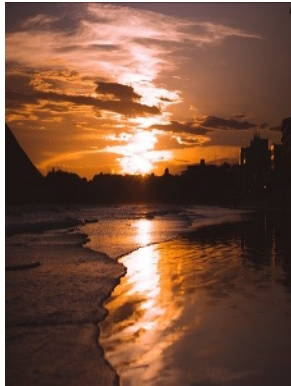
Verse for the day: *Colossians 3:25:*

“But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) To whom is it referring when it says, *“But he that doeth wrong?”* Is this a believer?
- 2) What will the person *“receive for the wrong?”*
- 3) When God says, *“there is no respect of persons,”* is he talking about rich or poor, old or young, male or female? Or is it saved or unsaved or all of the above?
- 4) Is this the Judgment Seat of Christ in *II Corinthians 5:10* or referring to the Great White Throne Judgment in *Revelation 20:11*? Explain your answer.

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Day 65

Verses for the day: *Colossians 4:3-4:*
“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: That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) In the context, to whom is Paul speaking when he says, “for us?”
- 2) Ought we also speak boldly “*the mystery of Christ*” or does this only refer to Paul and his group?
- 3) Define “*a door of utterance.*” Is this literally opening and closing doors in your life? Prove your answer.

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Day 67

Verse for the day: *Colossians 4:6:*

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

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What does it mean when something is *“seasoned with salt?”* Give an example.
- 2) *“Always”* means ‘all the way to the end.’ What would it look like to speak to everyone you know this way, until you went home to be with the Lord?
- 3) What is God’s method to help you learn how you *“ought to answer every man”* as a wise saint? Have you been able to do this? Describe it.

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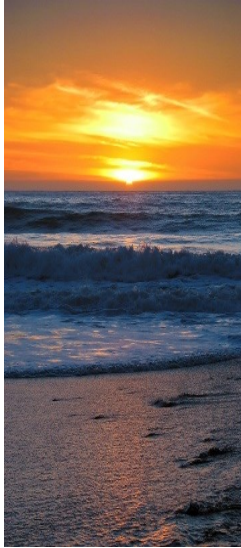
Day 68

Verse for the day: *Colossians 4:7:*
“All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What do you know about “*Tychicus*” from this verse?
- 2) Has he been mentioned before in either *Acts* or Paul’s epistles? If yes, what does it teach us about him?
- 3) Do you know what the name “*Tychicus*” means? Look it up in a Bible dictionary.
- 4) Take a moment to think on each of the three ways that Paul describes “*Tychicus*.” Would you like to develop these characteristics? How would this done?

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Day 71

Verses for the day: *Colossians 4:10-11:*

“Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;) And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) What do the names “Aristarchus,” “Marcus,” “Barnabas,” and “Justus” mean? Do the meanings relate to the context?
- 2) Are any of these individuals mentioned before? What else can you learn about them?
- 3) Why does Paul say these “only” were his fellow workers? What about everybody else that worked with him?

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Day 72

Verse for the day: *Colossians 4:12:*

“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.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) Has Paul mentioned the name “*Epaphras*” before?
- 2) Does “*saluteth*” refer to a military salute or does it mean something else?
- 3) How does a saint labor “*fervently*” in prayer? Do you ever do this? How is this beneficial?
- 4) What would it look like to “*stand perfect and complete in all the will of God?*” Is this referring to your position or walk? Could it be an indication that Paul’s writings were complete? How could anyone stand in “*all the will of God*” if the fulness of the grace gospel is not yet finished?

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Day 75

Verse for the day: *Colossians 4:16:*

“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.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) Did each Church have a copy of the Colossian *“epistle?”*
How did they get a copy? What do you know from this verse. Can you find any other verses to help gain clarity?
- 2) How could the *Colossians “cause that it be read also”* in Laodicea?
- 3) What is this *“epistle from Laodicea?”* Is it in the Bible? Why or why not?

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Day 76

Verses for the day: *Colossians 4:17-18:*

“And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it. The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.”

Questions to help you understand and apply the verses:

- 1) How does one “*take heed to the ministry*” and to “*fulfill it?*” Are you also suppose to do this? If yes, do you?
- 2) Paul says as a closing statement, that “*the salutation*” is in his own hand. What does this mean and what was the purpose of this statement?
- 3) Does Paul end all his epistles saying something like “*grace be with you?*” Check to see. If he did, why?

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Day 77

Reflection for the day: Think upon what you have learned from this study-devotional of the book of Colossians.

Questions to help you understand and apply Scripture:

- 1) Generally, what was learned from answering the questions about the verses?
- 2) Did the exercises help you notice words and the content of the verses more carefully?
- 3) What was the greatest benefit from going through the book of *Colossians*?
- 4) What will you do with what you have learned?
- 5) What suggestions do you have to improve this study guide. Consider sending comments to the author. See contact information in the back of this book.

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APPENDIX

Appendix

The King James Compared to Other Versions

This brief list is just a sampling of the changes and omissions found in these versions. The goal set before each believer is to consider the Truth. Think for yourself and determine which version of the Bible glorifies the Lord the most. As comparisons are made, especially notice those versions that omit or change key words/verses affecting doctrines about the blood, continuity of Scripture, the power of God and the deity of Christ.

Using a comparison study Bible makes this study easier. Note: only the King James Version (KJV), Amplified (AMP), New American Standard (NAS), and New International Version (NIV) were used in this analysis, but the student is encouraged to branch out to evaluate any and all Bible versions.

- *Luke 2:43*: Changes “...Joseph and his mother...” to ‘father and mother’ (Joseph is not the father of Jesus, God is.)
- *John 1:27*: Omits “...is preferred before me...” (NAS/NIV)
- *John 6:47*: Changes “...believeth on me...” to ‘believes in me’ (Amp) or it is omitted it altogether (NAS/NIV)
- *Acts 8:37*: Verse omitted: “...I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God...” (NIV)
- *Romans 5:15,16*: Omits “...free...” gift (NIV)
- *I Corinthians 5:7*: The phrase that He is sacrificed “...for us...” omitted (Amp/NAS/NIV)
- *I Corinthians 15:47*: Omits: the second man “...is the Lord...” from heaven. (NAS/NIV)
- *I Corinthians 16:22*: Omits “...Jesus Christ...” (Amp/NSA/NIV)
- *Colossians 1:14*: Verse in italics or omitted “...through His blood...” (Amp/NAS/NIV)
- *Hebrews 1:3*: The phrase that Christ had “...by himself purged our sins...” omitted in (Amp/NAS/NIV)
- *II John 5:7-15*: Changed significantly (Amp/NAS) or omits (NIV) this clear verse entirely on the Trinity
- *Revelation 1:11*: Omits “...I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last...” (NAS/NIV)

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Other Books (Available on Amazon and on website)

- * *What to Appreciate As We Approach God's Word*
- * *How the Bible is Practical & Able to Mature Believers*
- * *Growing Up In Christ To Become A Mature Believer*
- * *Romans Study Guide*
- * *Discovering God's Glorious Treasure*
- *Exploring the Bible Using Study Tools*

Resource Contact Information

1. The resources below were instrumental in the spiritual growth and maturation of the writers. They each direct students into the Word itself, rather than man's wisdom, assisting individuals in the realization of Paul's distinctive ministry to us, the Gentiles.
2. These are the most reliable, Bible centered Christian organizations personally known for over 30 years to this writer and are recommended to anyone interested in seeking sound teaching.
3. Berean Bible Ministries, John Versteegen's ministry:
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