Colossians 1:1

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS

1 Paul an Apostle of Iesu Christ by the wyll of God and brother Timotheus. 2 To the sayntes which are at Colossa and brethren that beleve in Christ. Grace be with you and peace from God oure father and from the Lorde Iesus Christ. 3 We geve thankes to God the father of oure Lorde Iesus Christ alwayes prayenge for you sence we hearde of youre faith which ye have in Christ Iesu and of the love which ye beare to all sayntes for the hopes sake which is layde vp in store for you in heven of which hope ye have herde before by the true worde of the gospell which is come vnto you even as it is in to all the worlde and is frutefull as it is amonge you from the fyrst daye in the which ye herde of it and had experiece in the grace of God in the trueth as ye learned of Epaphra oure deare felowe servaunt which is for you a faythfull minister of Christ which also declared vnto vs youre love which ye have in the sprete. 9 For this cause we also sence the daye we herde of it have not ceasyd prayinge for you and desyringe that ye myght be fulfilled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdome and spretuall understodynge that ye myght walke worthy of the lorde in all thynges that please beyng frutfull in all good workes and encreasyng in the knowledge of God strengthevd with all myght thorowe hys glorious power vnto all pacience and longe sufferynge with joyfulnes gevynge thankes vnto the father which hath made vs mete to be part takers of the enheritaunce of sainctes in light. 13 Which hath delivered vs from the power of
dercknes and hath translated vs in to the kyngdome of his dere sone 14 in whom we have redempcion throu thy bloud that is to saye the forgeneves of sinnes 15 which is the ymage of the invisible god fyrst begotten of all creatures. 16 For by hym were all thynges created thynges that are in heven and thynges that are in erth: thynges visible and thynges invisible: whether they be maieste or lordshippe ether rule or power. All things are creatyd by hym and in him 17 and he is before all things and in him all thynges have their beynge. 18 And he is the heed of the body that is to wit of the congregacion: he is the begynnynge and fyrst begotten of the deed that in all thynges he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the father that in him shuld all fulnes dwell 20 and by hym to reconcile all thynges to him silfe and to set at peace by him thorow the bloud of his crosse both thynges in heven and thynges in erth. 21 And you (which were in tymes past straungers and enimes because youre myndes were set in evyll workes) hath he now reconcilied 22 in the body of his flesshe thorowe deeth to make you holy vnblameable and with out faut in his awne syght 23 yf ye continue grounded and stablysshed in the fayth and be not moved awaye from the hope of the gospell wher of ye have herde howe that it is preached amonge all creatures which are vnder heven wher of I Paul am made a minister. 24 Now ioye I in my soferinges which I suffre for you and fulfill that which is behynde of the passions of Christ in my flesshe for his bodies sake which is the congregacion 25 wherof I am made a minister acordynge to the ordinaunce of god which ordinaunce was geven me vnto you warde to fulfill the worde of god 26 that mistery hid sence the worlde beganne and sence the begynnynge of generacions: but now is opened to his saynctes 27 to whom god wolde make
known the glorious riches of this mystery amonge the
gentyls which riches is Christ in you the hope of glory
whom we preach warnynge all men and teachinge all
men in all wisdome to make all men parfect in Christ Iesu.
Wherin I also laboure and stryve even as farforth as hys
workynge worketh in me myghtely.

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1 I wolde ye knewe what fyghtinge I have for youre
sakes and for them of Laodicia and for as many as have not
sene my parson in the flesshe 2 that their hertes myght be
conforted and knet togedder in love and in all ryches of
full vnderstandyngne for to knowe the mistery of God the
father and of Christ 3 in whom are hid all the treasures
of wisdom and knowledge. 4 This I saye lest eny man
shuld begyle you with entysinge wordes. 5 For though
I be absent in the flesshe yet am I present with you in
the sprete ioyinge and beholdinge the order that ye kepe
and youre stedfast fayth in Christ. 6 As ye have therfore
receaved Christ Iesu the Lorde even so walke 7 roted and
bylt in him and stedfaste in the fayth as ye have learned:
and therin be plenteous in gevynge thankes. 8 Beware
lest eny man come and spoyle you thorow philosophy
and disceatfull vanitie, thorow the tradicions of me
and ordinances after the worlde and not after christ. 9 For in
him dwelleth all the fulnes of the godheed bodily 10 and
ye are complete in him which is the heed of all rule and
power 11 in whom also ye are circucised with circumcision
made mith out hondes by puttinge of the sinfull boddy
of the flesshe thorow the circumcision that is in Christ
in that ye are buryed with him thorow baptism in
whom ye are also rysen agayne thorow fayth that is
wrought by the operacion of god which raysed him from
deeth. 13 And ye which weare deed in synne thorow the
vncircumcision of your fleshee hath he quyckened with him and hath forgeve vs all our trespases and hath put out the handwritinge that was agaynst vs contayned in the lawe writte and that hath he take out of the waye and hath fastened it to his crosse and hath spoyled rule and power and hath made a shewe of the openly and hath triumphed over them in his awne persone. Let noman therfore trouble your conscience aboute meate and drynke or for a pece of an holydaye as the holydaye of the newe mone or of the sabbath dayes which are nothinge but shaddowes of thynges to come: but the body is in Christ. Let no man make you shote at a wronge (marke) which after his awne ymaginacion walketh in the humblenes and holynes of angels thinges which he never sawe: causlesse puft vp with his flesshly mynde and holdeth not the heed wherof all the body by ioyntes and couples receaveth norishment and is knet to gedder and encreaseth with the in creasynge that commeth of god. Wherfore if ye be deed with Christ from ordinaunces of the worlde why as though ye yet lived in the worlde are ye ledde with tradicions of them that saye? Touche not tast not handell not: which all perysshe with the vsinge of the and are after the commaundmentes and doctrins of men which thinges have the similitude of wisdome in chosen holynes and humblenes and in that they spare not the body and do the fleshe no worshype vnto his nede.

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1 If ye be then rysen agayne with christ seke those thynges which are above where Christ sitteth on the right honde of god. 2 Set youre affeccion on thynges that are above and not on thinges which are on the erth. 3 For ye are deed and youre lyfe is hid with Christ
in God. 4 When Christ which is our life shall show himself then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

5 Mortify therefore your members which are on the earth; fornication, uncleanness, lustful concupiscence and covetousness which is worshipping of idols: 6 for which things the wrath of God comes on the children of unbelievers.

7 In which things ye walked once. 8 But now put ye also away from you all things wrath fears, maliciousness cursed speakynge, filthy speakynge, out of your mouths.

9 Lye not one to another that the old man with his works be put of 10 and the new put on which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that made him 11 where is neither gentile nor Jew circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarous or Sithian bond or free: but Christ is all in all things.

12 Now therefore as elect of God holy and beloved put on tender mercies, kindness, humility of mind, meekness, longsuffering, 13 forbearing one another and forgiving one another if any man have a quarrell to another even as Christ forgave you even so do ye. 14 Above all these things put on love which is the bond of perfectness. 15 And the peace of God rule in your hearts which peace ye are called in one body. And se that ye be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you plenteously in all wisdom. Teach and exhort you yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs which have favour with them. Singing in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And all things (whatsoever ye do in word or deed) do in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father by him. 18 Wives submit yourselves unto your husbands as it is comly in the Lord. 19 Husbandes love youre wyves and be not bitter vnto them. 20 Children obey your fathers and
mothers in all things for that is well pleasing unto the Lord. 21 Fathers rate not your children lest they be of a desperate mind. 22 Servant be obedient unto your bodily masters in all things: not with eye service as men pleasers but in singleness of heart fearing God. 23 And whatsoever ye do do it heartily as though ye did it to the Lord and not unto men 24 for as much as ye know that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of inheritance for ye serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he that doth wrong shall receive for the wrong that he hath done: for there is no respect of persons.

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1 Ye masters do unto your servant that which is just and equal seeing ye know that ye also have a master in heaven. 2 Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving 3 praying also for you that God open unto you the door of utterance that we may speak the mystery of Christ wherefore I am in bonds: 4 that I may speak it as it cometh to me to speak. 5 Walk wisely to them that are without and redeem the time. 6 Let your speech be all ways well favoured and be powder'd with salt that ye may know how to answer every man. 7 The dear brother Tychicus shall tell you of all my business which is a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord 8 whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose that he might know how ye do and might comfort your hearts 9 with one Onesimus a faithful and a beloved brother which is one of you. They shall shew you of all things which are adoynge here. 10 Aristarchus my present fellow servant saluteth you and Marcus Barnabassis syster sonne: touching whom ye received commandements. If he come unto you receive him: 11 and Jesus which is
called Iustus which are of the circumcision. These only are my workefelowes vnto the kyngdome of God which were vnto my consolacion. 12 Epaphras the servaut of Christ which is one of you saluteth you and all wayes laboreth fervently for you in prayers that ye maye stonde perfect and full in all that is the will of god. 13 I beare him recorde that he hath a fervet mynde towarde you and towarde them of Laodicia and them of Hierapolis. 14 Deare Lucas the Phisicion greteth you and Demas. 15 Salute the brethren which are of Laodicia and salute Nymphas and the congregacion which is in his housse. 16 And when the pistle is reed of you make that it be reed in the congregacion of the Laodicians also: and that ye lyke wyse reade the epistle of Laodicia. 17 And saye to Archippus: take hede to the office that thou hast receaved in the Lorde that thou fulfill it. 18 The salutacion by the honde of me Paul. Remember my bondes. Grace be with you. Amen. ‘Sent from Rome by Tichicus and Onesimus.’