

Colossians 1.

Read the chapter. *We have redemption in Jesus Christ through His blood ONLY even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature; (He is No. 1 in a new kind of life, a spiritual life in a Kingdom that is spiritual, and He is the King) 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: and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. (Remove Jesus and you die) And He is the Head of the body (us) the church: who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; (you and I cannot die if we are IN HIM) that in all things He might have the pre-eminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell; And, having made Peace (since He is the Prince of 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.*

Paul is telling the Colossians that Jesus is IT. Jesus has *delivered them from the power of darkness and has translated them into the Kingdom of His Dear Son...* There are those that have philosophies and deceit after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. *For in Him, Jesus, dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And you are complete in Him, which is the Head of all principality and power: (He is in charge of all the demons and devils; and you need to know this because when you sin, He sends you a devil; when you are righteous, He keeps them back from you.) (He is sovereign!) and you are circumcised without hands, in putting off the body of sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; buried with Him in baptism, wherein also you are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who has raised Him from the dead. He got rid of all your transgressions by nailing them on Himself to the cross. He, Jesus, spoiled principalities and powers that had rule over the Adamic nature, and made a show of them openly, totally triumphing over them. Like worshipping angels, whom you have not seen, intruding into those things puffed up by your fleshly mind. Meat, drink, holy day, new moon, or sabbath day: what difference does it make. You are the body of Christ. WHEREFORE IF YOU BE DEAD WITH CHRIST from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are you subject to ordinances. These are all doctrines of men, not from the Head, Jesus. All only satisfies the flesh.*

Colossians 2.

Read the chapter. These are warnings about false teaching: The church at Laodicea is included as that is the last church of the **Revelation** to John. *"as you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him: rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding therein in thanksgiving. 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. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And you are complete in Him which is the Head of all principality and power (He is in charge of the the demonic to afflict those that are in sin): in whom also you are circumcised made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: buried with Him in baptism (dead, dead, dead to self) wherein also you are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God who has raised Him from the dead (and so are you). And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, has he quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; nailing it to the cross..He made a show of demons and devils openly, triumphing over them in it.*

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days; which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ . Everything other than being in Christ in the spirit is flesh. Some worship angels and know nothing about them, whether they are of the devil or sent from God because they have no knowledge of them. " Wherefore if you be

*dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why as though living in the world, are you subject to ordinances (YOU ARE NOW IN THE **KINGDOM OF GOD** AND JESUS IS YOUR KING). (Touch not, taste not, handle not; which all are to perish with the using;) after the COMMANDMENTS AND DOCTRINES OF MEN?*

Colossians 3.

Read the chapter. *If you then are risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above and not on things on the earth. For you are dead (when you were water-baptized you reckoned yourself dead with Christ Jesus) and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in Glory. (You must understand that in order to appear with Him to come back, you had to be raptured already!)*

Things of the flesh which need to be mortified (killed) are *fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things sake the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience; in which we also walked some time when we lived in them. Also put off anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth; lie not one to another, seeing that you 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: now there is neither Greek or Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond or free: but Christ is all, and in all. Put on therefore, as the ELECT OF GOD, holy and beloved:*

1. *Bowels of mercies.*
2. *Kindness*
3. *Humbleness of mind*
4. *Meekness*
5. *Longsuffering.*
6. *Forbearing one another*
7. *Forgiving one another even as Christ forgave you*
8. *Put on Charity (which is the bond of perfection)*
9. *Let Peace (from the Prince of Peace) rule in your heart*
10. *Thankfulness*
11. *Let the Word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom*
12. *Teach and admonish one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*
13. *Do all in the Name of Jesus, Lord, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him*
14. *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands*
15. *Husbands love your wives and be not bitter against them*
16. *Children obey your parents in all things for this is well pleasing unto the Lord*
17. *Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged*
18. *Servants, obey in all things your masters (in singleness of hearts, fearing God)*
19. *Whatever you do, do it heartily as unto the Lord, not to please men.*

There is no differences of persons. We are all the same in the eyes of God. Jesus came to make us ONE, Jew and Gentile, in Him, His Church, His Body. He is the Head, we the Body. In my heart I know it after all,

Colossians 4.

Read the chapter. *Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that you*

have a Master in Heaven. Paul wants prayer so that he can continue to speak to others about the mysteries of Christ: this was the beginning of a generation that all of a sudden knew that Jesus, the Messiah, came to redeem. Others only heard about it, but now Paul is opening up the scripture so that we all KNOW and it started with Paul's preaching to that generation. How awesome! Tychicus told the Christians in Thessalonica what Paul's state of being was, and Onesimus went with Tychicus to report

as to what Paul is doing also. These were Paul's coworkers: Aristarchus, Marcus, Justus, Epaphras, Luke, and Demas. These prayed and reported to Paul about the state of each church. There is something to be said of teams going forth.

For Archippus, Paul said: *Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you fulfill it.*

Are you fulfilling your ministry?