

Colossians 1 Summarized

Sentences

1:1-2, Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 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.

1:3-8, we give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; 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, 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; as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

1:9-12, 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; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

1:13-14, He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

1:15, He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

1:16-18, 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. And He is before all things, and in 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 may have the preeminence.

1:19-20, for it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, 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.

1:21-23, and you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—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.

1:24-26, 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, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.

1:27, 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.

1:28-29, Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

Paragraphs

1:1-2, Paul, appointed apostle of Christ by God, and Timothy extend grace and peace from God their Father and the Lord Jesus Christ to the faithful Colossians who are united in Christ.

1:3-8, Paul and Timothy constantly thank God the Father ever since they heard of the Colossians' faith in Christ and of their love for all Christians. All this is due to the heavenly hope they heard in the truth of the Gospel which Epaphras gave them as he showed them how to walk with Christ. It resulted in them expressing the Spirit's love to everybody. Thus, from the day they experienced God's grace, the Colossians have been fruitful.

1:9-14, because of this Paul and Timothy keep asking God to give the Colossians full spiritual understanding of His will so that they will walk worthy of the Lord, i.e., please Him fully, be fruitful in everything they do, and to keep increasing in their knowledge of God. They want God to strengthen them with His power so they will be patient and endure gladly as they thank Him for qualifying them to partake of the inheritance that belongs to the saints. God has delivered them from Satan's darkness and placed them in the Kingdom of His Son, in whose blood they have been redeemed, i.e., their sins have been forgiven.

1:15-20, Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over ALL CREATION. That is, He created ALL THINGS, is before ALL THINGS, and He keeps ALL THINGS going. In fact, He's also the head of the Body, the Church, and the first to be resurrected, which makes Him preeminent in ALL THINGS. For it pleased God to have ALL that He is dwell in His Son and by Him to reconcile ALL THINGS to Himself, bringing peace through the blood of His Son's cross.

1:21-23, God also reconciled the Colossians through Christ's death even though they were His enemies. He did this to one day present them blameless. But they have to stay grounded in the Gospel which they and every creature heard and of which Paul became a minister.

1:24-29, Paul is glad about his suffering for Christ for the Colossians and the Church. This is the ministry God gave him, specifically God appointed him to reveal His hidden mystery: that Christ would also dwell in the Gentiles and be their glorious hope. This is who Paul and Timothy preach diligently and with all wisdom so that they may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. This is why Paul labors so hard with the mighty strength of Christ.

Whole Chapter

Paul and Timothy greet the saints and faithful brethren in Colosse. They constantly thank God for the Colossians' transformed lives: ever since Epaphras showed them how to walk with Christ, they have been fruitful. Thus, they keep asking God to reveal His will to them so that their walk will be fully pleasing to Him. They want them to thank God who qualified them to partake of the saints' inheritance. He has delivered them from Satan's darkness and placed them in the Kingdom of His Son, in whom they have redemption through His blood. He is the very image of God, Creator, Sustainer, and over ALL THINGS. God wanted ALL that He is to dwell in Him and by Him to reconcile ALL THINGS to Himself through the blood of His cross, including those who were His enemies so that He could present them blameless. But they have to stay grounded in the Gospel. And Paul is glad to suffer for Christ on behalf of the Church. This was the ministry God gave him, specifically to reveal the mystery that Christ would also dwell in the Gentiles. This is who Paul preaches with all wisdom so that every man may be perfect in Christ. This is why Paul labors so hard with the mighty strength of Christ.