

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

1. Jesus Christ, Paul was an apostle/messenger of Jesus Christ, 1:1. The Colossians were individuals who lived in Christ and Paul wished them Jesus' grace and peace, 1:2. God is the Father and God of Jesus Christ, 1:3. Paul and Timothy heard of the Colossians' faith in Christ, 1:4. Epaphras was a faithful minister of Christ, 1:7. God the Father took us out of Satan's kingdom of darkness and placed us in His beloved Son's Kingdom, 1:13. Our redemption, the forgiveness of all our sins is in Christ and it was made possible through His blood/death, 1:14. Jesus is the very image of God and the Head of the entire universe, 1:15. Jesus created EVERYTHING and EVERYTHING was created for Him, 1:16. Jesus is the Head of EVERYTHING and He holds EVERYTHING together, 1:17. Jesus is also the Head of the Church and the 1st to be resurrected, so He's #1 in EVERYTHING, 1:18. God was delighted to have everything that He is reside in Jesus Christ, 1:19. God reconciled EVERYTHING to Himself through the death of His Son, 1:20. Jesus reconciled Gentiles, who once were enemies of God, so that one day He might present them blameless in His sight, 1:21-22. Paul was willing to suffer the afflictions of Christ for the sake of Christ's Body, the Church, 1:24. Paul and Timothy preached Christ, warning and teaching in all wisdom, so that they might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus, 1:28.
2. God, it was God's will that Paul be an apostle/messenger of Christ, 1:1. Paul and Timothy wish the Colossians grace and peace from God their Father, 1:2. Paul and Timothy constantly thanked God for the Colossians, 1:3. The Colossians have been very fruitful since the day they personally experienced the grace of God, 1:6. Paul and Timothy want the Colossians to have a walk worthy of the Lord, i.e., to keep getting to know God more and more, 1:10. The Colossians should thank God the Father for qualifying them to partake of the saints' inheritance, 1:12. Jesus is the very image of God who is invisible, 1:15. God was delighted to have everything that He is reside in Jesus Christ, 1:19. Paul's job as minister of the Church and as the one who would fulfill the word of God was given to him by God, 1:25. God wanted to reveal to His saints the mystery concerning the Gentiles, i.e., that Christ would also dwell in them, 1:27.
3. Will of God, it was God's will that Paul be an apostle/messenger of Jesus Christ, 1:1. Paul and Timothy constantly ask God to fill the Colossians with the knowledge of His will, 1:9.
4. Saints, Paul and Timothy write to the saints in Colosse, 1:2. The Colossians love all saints, 1:4. The Colossians should thank God for qualifying them to partake of the saints' inheritance, 1:12. God kept the mystery hidden for generations but is now revealing it to His saints, 1:26.
5. Faith / Faithful, the Colossians are faithful brethren in Christ, 1:2. The Colossians' faith in Christ is evident by the way they love all Christians, 1:4. Epaphras is a faithful minister of Christ evident by how he ministered to the Colossians, 1:7. Christ will present the Colossians blameless in His sight if they continue in the faith, 1:22-23.
6. Grace, Paul and Timothy wish the Colossians grace from God their Father and their Lord Jesus Christ, 1:2. The Colossians have been fruitful since the day they personally experienced the grace of God which is contained in the truth of the Gospel, 1:5-6.
7. Peace / Reconcile, Paul and Timothy wish the Colossians peace from God their Father and their Lord Jesus Christ, 1:2. God the Father reconciled ALL THINGS to Himself through the death of His Son, 1:20. Jesus reconciled Gentiles—who were alienated from God and His enemies—through His death so that He could one day present them blameless in His sight, 1:21-22.

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8. Pray / Prayer, Paul and Timothy always pray for the Colossians as they thank God the Father for them, 1:3. Paul and Timothy constantly pray for the Colossians since the day they heard the great news about them; they keep asking God to fill them with the knowledge of His will, 1:9.
9. Giving thanks to God, Paul and Timothy thank God the Father for the Colossians, 1:3. The Colossians should thank God the Father for qualifying them to partake of the saints' inheritance, 1:12.
10. Heard / Learned, Paul and Timothy always pray for the Colossians ever since they heard of their faith in Christ Jesus, 1:3-4. The Colossians' faith in Christ and love for all Christians is due to the hope that's laid up for them in heaven, which they heard in the truth of the Gospel, 1:5. The Colossians have been fruitful ever since they personally experienced the grace of God which is contained in the truth of the Gospel, 1:6. The Colossians learned about all those wonderful things contained in the Gospel from Epaphras, 1:7. Paul and Timothy, since the day they heard the great news about the Colossians, did not stop praying for them and kept asking God to fill them with the knowledge of His will, 1:9. If the Colossians stay grounded in the hope of the Gospel which they heard, then Christ will present them blameless in His sight, 1:22-23.
11. Fruit / Fruitful, the Colossians' fruitfulness is proven by the fact that they love all Christians, 1:4. The Colossians have been fruitful ever since they experienced the grace of God which is contained in the truth of the Gospel, 1:6. Paul and Timothy keep asking God to fill the Colossians with the knowledge of His will so that they will be fruitful in everything they do, 1:10.
12. Walking daily with the Lord / "in Christ", the Colossians are faithful in making sure that they stay grounded in Christ, 1:2. The Colossians' faith in Christ is evident by the way they love all Christians, 1:4. From the first day they experienced the grace of God, the Colossians have been walking with the Lord, bearing fruit, 1:6. Paul and Timothy keep asking God to fill the Colossians with the knowledge of His will so that they will walk worthy of the Lord, i.e., so that they will bear fruit in everything they do and so that they will get to know God more and more, 1:9-10. If the Colossians continue walking with the Lord, if they remain grounded in the hope of the Gospel, then Christ will present them blameless in His sight, 1:22-23. God wanted to reveal the mystery to His saints about the Gentiles, i.e., that they too would get to walk with Christ as He dwelt in them, 1:27. Paul's goal is for everyone to have a perfect relationship with Christ, i.e., for everyone to live their life in Christ, 1:28.
13. God gives you the strength to walk with Him, the Colossians' faith in God's Son enabled them to love all Christians, 1:4. Ever since the day the Colossians personally experienced the grace of God, it enabled them to bear fruit, 1:6. God will give you all the power and strength you need in order for you to have a peaceful life in spite of your suffering, 1:11. God's mighty strength enabled Paul to do everything he did for the Church, 1:29.
14. Love, the Colossians love all Christians, 1:4. Epaphras told Paul and Timothy about the love the Colossians showed others through Christ's Spirit, 1:7-8. Jesus is God's beloved Son, 1:13.
15. Truth, the love the Colossians have for others is due to the hope that is laid up for them in heaven, which they heard in the truth of the Gospel, 1:5. The Colossians have been fruitful ever since they personally experienced the grace of God which is contained in the truth of the Gospel, 1:6.

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16. Hope, the Colossians are so loving because of the hope that is laid up for them in heaven which is contained in the Gospel, 1:5. Paul wants the Colossians not to drift away from the hope of the Gospel so that Christ can present them blameless, 1:22-23. Christ dwelling in the Gentiles will be their hope of attaining future glory, 1:27.
17. Gospel, the Colossians heard about the hope laid up for them in heaven from the truth contained in the Gospel, 1:5. If the Colossians do not to move away from the hope of the Gospel, then Christ will present them blameless, 1:22-23. God wanted to reveal the mystery of the Gospel to His saints, i.e., that Christ would dwell in the Gentiles, 1:26-27. The Gospel Paul and Timothy preach is Christ, i.e., they want every man to know Christ thoroughly and intimately, to be in perfect relationship with Christ, 1:28.
18. Word / word, the Colossians heard of the hope laid up for them in heaven in the truthful word that's contained in the Gospel, 1:5. God gave Paul the job of ministering to the Church, specifically ministering to Gentiles; this was part of fulfilling God's word, 1:25.
19. Minister, Epaphras was a faithful minister of Christ on behalf of the Colossians, 1:7. Paul became a minister of the Gospel which the Colossians heard and which was preached to the entire world, 1:23. Paul became a minister of the Church according to the stewardship that God gave him, 1:25.
20. Wisdom / Knowledge / Understanding, Paul and Timothy keep asking God to fill the Colossians with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding so that, among other things, their intimate knowledge of God will continue to increase, 1:9-10. Paul and Timothy preach Christ by warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, 1:28.
21. Jesus is #1 in everything and the source of everything, Jesus is the image of the invisible God, over the entire universe, created everything and everything was created for Him, He's the head of everything, keeps all things going, He's the head of the Church, He's the first to be resurrected, He has preeminence in everything, in Him dwells everything that God is, God reconciled all things to Himself through Jesus' death, and He reconciled the Gentiles through His death so that He could present them blameless in His sight, 1:15-22.
22. Church / His Body / church, Jesus is the head of His body, the Church, 1:18. Paul rejoices in the fact that he's suffering the afflictions of Christ, for His body, the Church, 1:24.
23. Mystery, God kept the mystery hidden for generations but has now revealed it to His saints; He wanted them to know the riches of the glory of this mystery concerning the Gentiles, 1:26-27.