

Paul's Letter to the Colossians

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1 Paul, an apostle, of Christ¹ Jesus through of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We give thanks to God the Father of Jesus Christ, praying you, having heard of his love which he has laid up for you in heavens, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the Good News⁶ which has come to you, even as it is in all the world and

¹ + 1:1 "Christ" means "Anointed One".

² + 1:2 The word for "brothers" here and where context allows may also be correctly translated "brothers and sisters" or "siblings."

is|strong="G1510" bearing|strong="G2592" fruit|strong="G2592"
 and|strong="G2532" growing|strong="G0837", as|strong="G2531"
 it|strong="G0191" does|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722"
 you|strong="G5210" also|strong="G2532", since|strong="G0575"
 the|strong="G3956" day|strong="G2250" you|strong="G5210"
 heard|strong="G0191" and|strong="G2532" knew|strong="G1921"
 the|strong="G3956" grace|strong="G5485" of|strong="G2250"
 God|strong="G2316" in|strong="G1722" truth|strong="G0225", ⁷ even
 as|strong="G2531" you|strong="G5210" learnt from|strong="G0575"
 Epaphras|strong="G1889" our|strong="G5547" beloved|strong="G0027"
 fellow|strong="G4889" servant|strong="G1249", who|strong="G3739"
 is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" faithful|strong="G4103"
 servant|strong="G1249" of|strong="G0575" Christ|strong="G5547"
 on|strong="G0575" your|strong="G3588" ³ behalf|strong="G5228", ⁸
 who|strong="G3588" also|strong="G2532" declared to|strong="G2532"
 us|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532" love|strong="G0026"
 in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151".

⁹For|strong="G5228" this|strong="G3778" cause, we|strong="G2249"
 also|strong="G2532", since|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3956"
 day|strong="G2250" we|strong="G2249" heard|strong="G0191"
 this|strong="G3778", don't|strong="G3756" cease|strong="G3973"
 praying|strong="G4336" and|strong="G2532" making|strong="G0154"
 requests for|strong="G5228" you|strong="G5210", that|strong="G3739"
 you|strong="G5210" may|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532"
 filled|strong="G4137" with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956"
 knowledge|strong="G1922" of|strong="G2250" his|strong="G0846"
 will|strong="G2307" in|strong="G1722" all|strong="G3956"
 spiritual|strong="G4152" wisdom|strong="G4678" and|strong="G2532"
 understanding|strong="G4907", ¹⁰ that|strong="G3956"
 you|strong="G1722" may|strong="G2532" walk|strong="G4043"
 worthily|strong="G0516" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3956"
 Lord|strong="G2962", to|strong="G1519" please|strong="G0699"
 him|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" all|strong="G3956"
 respects|strong="G3956", bearing|strong="G2592" fruit|strong="G2592"
 in|strong="G1722" every|strong="G3956" good|strong="G0018"
 work|strong="G2041" and|strong="G2532" increasing|strong="G0837"
 in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" knowledge|strong="G1922"
 of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316", ¹¹
 strengthened|strong="G1412" with|strong="G3326" all|strong="G3956"
 power|strong="G1411", according|strong="G2596" to|strong="G1519"
 the|strong="G3956" might|strong="G2532" of|strong="G1391"
 his|strong="G0846" glory|strong="G1391", for|strong="G1519"
 all|strong="G3956" endurance|strong="G5281" and|strong="G2532"

³+ 1:7 NU reads our

perseverance|strong = "G5281" with|strong = "G3326" joy|strong = "G5479",
¹² giving|strong = "G2168" thanks|strong = "G2168" to|strong = "G1519"
the|strong = "G3588" Father|strong = "G3962", who|strong = "G3588"
made|strong = "G2427" us|strong = "G2427" fit to|strong = "G1519"
be|strong = "G1722" partakers of|strong = "G3962" the|strong = "G3588"
inheritance|strong = "G2819" of|strong = "G3962" the|strong = "G3588"
saints|strong = "G0040" in|strong = "G1722" light|strong = "G5457", ¹³
who|strong = "G3739" delivered|strong = "G4506" us|strong = "G1519"
out|strong = "G1537" of|strong = "G5207" the|strong = "G3588"
power|strong = "G1849" of|strong = "G5207" darkness|strong = "G4655",
and|strong = "G2532" translated us|strong = "G1519" into|strong = "G1519"
the|strong = "G3588" Kingdom|strong = "G0932" of|strong = "G5207"
the|strong = "G3588" Son|strong = "G5207" of|strong = "G5207"
his|strong = "G0846" love|strong = "G0026", ¹⁴ in|strong = "G1722"
whom|strong = "G3739" we|strong = "G3739" have|strong = "G2192"
our|strong = "G1722" redemption|strong = "G0629", ⁴ the|strong = "G3588"
forgiveness|strong = "G0859" of|strong = "G1722" our|strong = "G1722"
sins|strong = "G0266".

¹⁵He|strong = "G3739" is|strong = "G1510" the|strong = "G3956"
image|strong = "G1504" of|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G3956"
invisible|strong = "G0517" God|strong = "G2316", the|strong = "G3956"
firstborn|strong = "G4416" of|strong = "G2316" all|strong = "G3956"
creation|strong = "G2937". ¹⁶ For|strong = "G1519" by|strong = "G1722"
him|strong = "G0846" all|strong = "G3956" things|strong = "G3956"
were|strong = "G3956" created|strong = "G2936" in|strong = "G1722"
the|strong = "G3956" heavens|strong = "G3772" and|strong = "G2532"
on|strong = "G1909" the|strong = "G3956" earth|strong = "G1093",
visible|strong = "G3707" things|strong = "G3956" and|strong = "G2532"
invisible|strong = "G0517" things|strong = "G3956",
whether|strong = "G1535" thrones|strong = "G2362" or|strong = "G2532"
dominions|strong = "G2963" or|strong = "G2532"
principalities|strong = "G0746" or|strong = "G2532"
powers|strong = "G1849". All|strong = "G3956" things|strong = "G3956"
have|strong = "G2532" been|strong = "G2532" created|strong = "G2936"
through|strong = "G1223" him|strong = "G0846" and|strong = "G2532"
for|strong = "G1519" him|strong = "G0846". ¹⁷ He|strong = "G2532"
is|strong = "G1510" before|strong = "G4253" all|strong = "G3956"
things|strong = "G3956", and|strong = "G2532" in|strong = "G1722"
him|strong = "G0846" all|strong = "G3956" things|strong = "G3956"
are|strong = "G1510" held together|strong = "G4921". ¹⁸
He|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G1510" the|strong = "G3956"
head|strong = "G2776" of|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G3956"
body|strong = "G4983", the|strong = "G3956" assembly|strong = "G1577",

⁴ + 1:14 TR adds "through his blood,"

who|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956"
beginning|strong="G0746", the|strong="G3956" firstborn|strong="G4416"
from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956" dead|strong="G3498",
that|strong="G3739" in|strong="G1722" all|strong="G3956"
things|strong="G3956" he|strong="G2532" might|strong="G2532"
have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" preeminence. ¹⁹
For|strong="G3754" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956"
fullness|strong="G4138" was|strong="G3588" pleased|strong="G2106"
to|strong="G1722" dwell|strong="G2730" in|strong="G1722"
him|strong="G0846", ²⁰ and|strong="G2532" through|strong="G1223"
him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" reconcile|strong="G0604"
all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956" to|strong="G1519"
himself|strong="G0846" by|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846",
whether|strong="G1535" things|strong="G3956" on|strong="G1909"
the|strong="G3956" earth|strong="G1093" or|strong="G2532"
things|strong="G3956" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956"
heavens|strong="G3772", having made|strong="G1517"
peace|strong="G1517" through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3956"
blood|strong="G0129" of|strong="G1223" his|strong="G0846"
cross|strong="G4716".

21 You|strong="G5210", being|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" past
times|strong="G4218" alienated|strong="G0526" and|strong="G2532"
enemies|strong="G2190" in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532"
mind|strong="G1271" in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532"
evil|strong="G4190" deeds|strong="G2041", ²² yet|strong="G2532"
now|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G2288"
reconciled|strong="G0604" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588"
body|strong="G4983" of|strong="G1223" his|strong="G0846"
flesh|strong="G4561" through|strong="G1223" death|strong="G2288",
to|strong="G2532" present|strong="G3936" you|strong="G5210"
holy|strong="G0040" and|strong="G2532" without|strong="G2532" defect
and|strong="G2532" blameless|strong="G0410" before|strong="G2714"
him|strong="G0846", ²³ if|strong="G1487" it|strong="G0191"
is|strong="G3739" so|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3739"
you|strong="G3739" continue|strong="G1961" in|strong="G1722"
the|strong="G3956" faith|strong="G4102", grounded|strong="G2311"
and|strong="G2532" steadfast|strong="G1476", and|strong="G2532"
not|strong="G3361" moved|strong="G3334" away|strong="G0575"
from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3956" hope|strong="G1680"
of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3956" Good|strong="G2098"
News|strong="G2098" which|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739"
heard|strong="G0191", which|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3739"
being|strong="G1096" proclaimed|strong="G2784" in|strong="G1722"
all|strong="G3956" creation|strong="G2937" under|strong="G5259"

heaven|strong = "G3772", of|strong = "G0575" which|strong = "G3739"
I|strong = "G1473", Paul|strong = "G3972", was|strong = "G3739"
made|strong = "G1096" a|strong = "G1096" servant|strong = "G1249".

24Now|strong = "G3568" I|strong = "G1473" rejoice|strong = "G5463"
in|strong = "G1722" my|strong = "G1722" sufferings|strong = "G3804"
for|strong = "G5228" your|strong = "G2532" sake|strong = "G5228",
and|strong = "G2532" fill up|strong = "G0466" on|strong = "G1722"
my|strong = "G1722" part|strong = "G1473" that|strong = "G3739"
which|strong = "G3739" is|strong = "G1510" lacking|strong = "G5303"
of|strong = "G1577" the|strong = "G3588" afflictions|strong = "G2347"
of|strong = "G1577" Christ|strong = "G5547" in|strong = "G1722"
my|strong = "G1722" flesh|strong = "G4561" for|strong = "G5228"
his|strong = "G0846" body's sake|strong = "G5228", which|strong = "G3739"
is|strong = "G1510" the|strong = "G3588" assembly|strong = "G1577", ²⁵
of|strong = "G3056" which|strong = "G3739" I|strong = "G1473"
was|strong = "G3739" made|strong = "G1096" a|strong = "G1096"
servant|strong = "G1249" according|strong = "G2596" to|strong = "G1519"
the|strong = "G3588" stewardship|strong = "G3622" of|strong = "G3056"
God|strong = "G2316" which|strong = "G3739" was|strong = "G3739"
given|strong = "G1325" me|strong = "G1325" towards you|strong = "G5210"
to|strong = "G1519" fulfil the|strong = "G3588" word|strong = "G3056"
of|strong = "G3056" God|strong = "G2316", ²⁶ the|strong = "G3588"
mystery|strong = "G3466" which|strong = "G3588" has|strong = "G2532"
been|strong = "G2532" hidden|strong = "G0613" for|strong = "G0575"
ages|strong = "G0165" and|strong = "G2532" generations|strong = "G1074".
But|strong = "G1161" now|strong = "G1161" it|strong = "G0846"
has|strong = "G2532" been|strong = "G2532" revealed|strong = "G5319"
to|strong = "G2532" his|strong = "G0846" saints|strong = "G0040", ²⁷
to|strong = "G2309" whom|strong = "G3739" God|strong = "G2316"
was|strong = "G1510" pleased to|strong = "G2309" make|strong = "G1107"
known|strong = "G1107" what|strong = "G5101" are|strong = "G1510"
the|strong = "G3588" riches|strong = "G4149" of|strong = "G2316"
the|strong = "G3588" glory|strong = "G1391" of|strong = "G2316"
this|strong = "G3778" mystery|strong = "G3466" amongst
the|strong = "G3588" Gentiles|strong = "G1484", which|strong = "G3739"
is|strong = "G1510" Christ|strong = "G5547" in|strong = "G1722"
you|strong = "G5210", the|strong = "G3588" hope|strong = "G1680"
of|strong = "G2316" glory|strong = "G1391". ²⁸ We|strong = "G2249"
proclaim|strong = "G2605" him|strong = "G3739",
admonishing|strong = "G3560" every|strong = "G3956"
man|strong = "G0444" and|strong = "G2532" teaching|strong = "G1321"
every|strong = "G3956" man|strong = "G0444" in|strong = "G1722"
all|strong = "G3956" wisdom|strong = "G4678", that|strong = "G3739"
we|strong = "G2249" may|strong = "G2532" present|strong = "G3936"

every|strong = "G3956" man|strong = "G0444" perfect|strong = "G5046"
 in|strong = "G1722" Christ|strong = "G5547" Jesus|strong = "G2532"; ²⁹
 for|strong = "G1519" which|strong = "G3739" I|strong = "G1473"
 also|strong = "G2532" labour, striving|strong = "G0075"
 according|strong = "G2596" to|strong = "G1519" his|strong = "G0846"
 working|strong = "G1754", which|strong = "G3739" works|strong = "G1754"
 in|strong = "G1722" me|strong = "G1473" mightily|strong = "G1411".

2For|strong = "G1063" I|strong = "G1473" desire|strong = "G2309"
 to|strong = "G2309" have|strong = "G2192" you|strong = "G5210"
 know|strong = "G1492" how|strong = "G3745" greatly|strong = "G3756"
 I|strong = "G1473" struggle|strong = "G0073" for|strong = "G1063"
 you|strong = "G5210" and|strong = "G2532" for|strong = "G1063"
 those|strong = "G3588" at|strong = "G1722" Laodicea|strong = "G2993",
 and|strong = "G2532" for|strong = "G1063" as|strong = "G1722"
 many|strong = "G3745" as|strong = "G1722" have|strong = "G2192"
 not|strong = "G3756" seen|strong = "G3708" my|strong = "G3708"
 face|strong = "G4383" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G3588"
 flesh|strong = "G4561"; ² that|strong = "G2443" their|strong = "G0846"
 hearts|strong = "G2588" may|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532"
 comforted|strong = "G3870", they|strong = "G0846" being
 knit|strong = "G4822" together|strong = "G4822" in|strong = "G1722"
 love|strong = "G0026", and|strong = "G2532" gaining all|strong = "G3956"
 riches|strong = "G4149" of|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G3956"
 full|strong = "G3956" assurance|strong = "G4136" of|strong = "G2316"
 understanding|strong = "G4907", that|strong = "G2443"
 they|strong = "G0846" may|strong = "G2532" know the|strong = "G3956"
 mystery|strong = "G3466" of|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316",
 both|strong = "G2532" of|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G3956" Father
 and|strong = "G2532" of|strong = "G2316" Christ|strong = "G5547", ³
 in|strong = "G1722" whom|strong = "G3739" all|strong = "G3956"
 the|strong = "G3956" treasures|strong = "G2344" of|strong = "G3956"
 wisdom|strong = "G4678" and|strong = "G2532" knowledge|strong = "G1108"
 are|strong = "G1510" hidden|strong = "G0614". ⁴ Now|strong = "G1722"
 I|strong = "G3778" say|strong = "G3004" this|strong = "G3778"
 that|strong = "G2443" no|strong = "G3367" one|strong = "G3367"
 may|strong = "G2443" delude|strong = "G3884" you|strong = "G5210"
 with|strong = "G1722" persuasiveness of|strong = "G1722" speech. ⁵
 For|strong = "G1063" though|strong = "G1487" I|strong = "G2532"
 am|strong = "G1510" absent|strong = "G0548" in|strong = "G1519"
 the|strong = "G3588" flesh|strong = "G4561", yet|strong = "G2532"
 I|strong = "G2532" am|strong = "G1510" with|strong = "G4862"
 you|strong = "G5210" in|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G3588"
 spirit|strong = "G4151", rejoicing|strong = "G5463" and|strong = "G2532"
 seeing|strong = "G0991" your|strong = "G1487" order|strong = "G5010",

and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G3588" steadfastness of|strong = "G4151"
 your|strong = "G1487" faith|strong = "G4102" in|strong = "G1519"
 Christ|strong = "G5547".

6As|strong = "G5613" therefore|strong = "G3767" you|strong = "G1722"
 received|strong = "G3880" Christ|strong = "G5547" Jesus|strong = "G2424"
 the|strong = "G3588" Lord|strong = "G2962", walk|strong = "G4043"
 in|strong = "G1722" him|strong = "G0846", ⁷ rooted|strong = "G4492"
 and|strong = "G2532" built|strong = "G2026" up|strong = "G2026"
 in|strong = "G1722" him|strong = "G0846" and|strong = "G2532"
 established|strong = "G0950" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G3588"
 faith|strong = "G4102", even|strong = "G2532" as|strong = "G2531"
 you|strong = "G1722" were|strong = "G3588" taught|strong = "G1321",
 abounding|strong = "G4052" in|strong = "G1722" it|strong = "G0846"
 in|strong = "G1722" thanksgiving|strong = "G2169".

8Be|strong = "G1510" careful|strong = "G0991" that|strong = "G0991"
 you|strong = "G5210" don't|strong = "G3756" let|strong = "G1510"
 anyone|strong = "G5100" rob you|strong = "G5210"
 through|strong = "G1223" his|strong = "G1223" philosophy|strong = "G5385"
 and|strong = "G2532" vain|strong = "G2756" deceit|strong = "G0539",
 after|strong = "G2596" the|strong = "G3588" tradition|strong = "G3862"
 of|strong = "G1223" men|strong = "G0444", after|strong = "G2596"
 the|strong = "G3588" elemental|strong = "G4747" spirits|strong = "G2889"
 of|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G3588" world|strong = "G2889",
 and|strong = "G2532" not|strong = "G3756" after|strong = "G2596"
 Christ|strong = "G5547". ⁹ For|strong = "G3754" in|strong = "G1722"
 him|strong = "G0846" all|strong = "G3956" the|strong = "G3956"
 fullness|strong = "G4138" of|strong = "G3956" the|strong = "G3956"
 Deity|strong = "G2320" dwells|strong = "G2730" bodily|strong = "G4985", ¹⁰
 and|strong = "G2532" in|strong = "G1722" him|strong = "G0846"
 you|strong = "G3739" are|strong = "G1510" made|strong = "G4137"
 full|strong = "G4137", who|strong = "G3739" is|strong = "G1510"
 the|strong = "G3956" head|strong = "G2776" of|strong = "G3956"
 all|strong = "G3956" principality and|strong = "G2532"
 power|strong = "G1849". ¹¹ In|strong = "G1722" him|strong = "G3739"
 you|strong = "G3739" were|strong = "G3739" also|strong = "G2532"
 circumcised|strong = "G4061" with|strong = "G1722" a|strong = "G3739"
 circumcision|strong = "G4061" not|strong = "G3739" made|strong = "G0886"
 with|strong = "G1722" hands|strong = "G0886", in|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G3588" putting off of|strong = "G4983" the|strong = "G3588"
 body|strong = "G4983" of|strong = "G4983" the|strong = "G3588" sins
 of|strong = "G4983" the|strong = "G3588" flesh|strong = "G4561",
 in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G3588" circumcision|strong = "G4061"
 of|strong = "G4983" Christ|strong = "G5547", ¹² having

been|strong="G2532" buried|strong="G4916" with|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" baptism|strong="G0908", in|strong="G1722" which|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" were|strong="G3739" also|strong="G2532" raised|strong="G1453" with|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846" through|strong="G1223" faith|strong="G4102" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" working|strong="G1753" of|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316", who|strong="G3739" raised|strong="G1453" him|strong="G0846" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" dead|strong="G3498". ¹³

You|strong="G5210" were|strong="G1510" dead|strong="G3498" through|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532" trespasses|strong="G3900" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" uncircumcision|strong="G0203" of|strong="G3956" your|strong="G2532" flesh|strong="G4561".

He|strong="G2532" made|strong="G4806" you|strong="G5210" alive|strong="G4806" together|strong="G4806" with|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846", having forgiven|strong="G5483" us|strong="G5483" all|strong="G3956" our|strong="G2532" trespasses|strong="G3900", ¹⁴

wiping out|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" handwriting in|strong="G2596" ordinances|strong="G1378" which|strong="G3739" was|strong="G1510" against|strong="G2596" us|strong="G1537".

He|strong="G2532" has|strong="G3739" taken|strong="G0142" it|strong="G0846" out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G2596", nailing it|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" cross|strong="G4716". ¹⁵ Having

stripped the|strong="G3588" principalities|strong="G0746" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" powers|strong="G1849", he|strong="G2532" made|strong="G1165" a|strong="G2532" show of|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846" openly|strong="G3954", triumphing over|strong="G1849" them|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" it|strong="G0846".

¹⁶Let|strong="G2919" no|strong="G3361" one|strong="G5100" therefore|strong="G3767" judge|strong="G2919" you|strong="G5210" in|strong="G1722" eating|strong="G1035" or|strong="G2228" drinking|strong="G4213", or|strong="G2228" with|strong="G1722" respect|strong="G3313" to|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2228" feast|strong="G1859" day|strong="G4521" or|strong="G2228" a|strong="G2228" new moon or|strong="G2228" a|strong="G2228" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521", ¹⁷ which|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" shadow|strong="G4639" of|strong="G4983" the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3739" to|strong="G3195" come|strong="G3195"; but|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983" is|strong="G1510" Christ's|strong="G5547". ¹⁸ Let no|strong="G3367" one|strong="G3367" rob you|strong="G5210" of|strong="G1722" your|strong="G3708"

prize|strong="G2603" by|strong="G1722" self-abasement and|strong="G2532" worshipping of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" angels|strong="G0032", dwelling in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3739" which|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G3739" not|strong="G3367" seen|strong="G3708", vainly puffed up by|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" fleshly|strong="G4561" mind|strong="G3563", ¹⁹ and|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" holding|strong="G2902" firmly to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" Head|strong="G2776", from|strong="G1537" whom|strong="G3739" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" body|strong="G4983", being supplied|strong="G2023" and|strong="G2532" knit|strong="G4822" together|strong="G4822" through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3956" joints|strong="G0860" and|strong="G2532" ligaments|strong="G4886", grows|strong="G0837" with|strong="G1537" God's|strong="G2316" growth|strong="G0837".

20If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" died|strong="G0599" with|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" elemental|strong="G4747" spirits|strong="G2889" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889", why|strong="G5101", as|strong="G5613" though|strong="G5613" living|strong="G2198" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889", do|strong="G5101" you|strong="G1487" subject yourselves|strong="G1722" to|strong="G1722" ordinances, ²¹ "Don't|strong="G3361" handle|strong="G0681", nor|strong="G3366" taste|strong="G1089", nor|strong="G3366" touch|strong="G0681" ²² (all|strong="G3956" of|strong="G3956" which|strong="G3739" perish|strong="G5356" with|strong="G2596" use|strong="G0671"), according|strong="G2596" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" precepts|strong="G1778" and|strong="G2532" doctrines|strong="G1319" of|strong="G3956" men|strong="G0444"? ²³ These|strong="G3748" things|strong="G5100" indeed|strong="G2532" appear like|strong="G4314" wisdom|strong="G4678" in|strong="G1722" self-imposed worship, humility|strong="G5012", and|strong="G2532" severity to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983", but|strong="G2532" aren't|strong="G3756" of|strong="G3056" any|strong="G5100" value|strong="G5092" against|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" indulgence|strong="G4140" of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3588" flesh|strong="G4561".

3If|strong="G1487" then|strong="G3767" you|strong="G1487" were|strong="G1510" raised|strong="G4891" together|strong="G1722" with|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547", seek|strong="G2212" the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3588" that|strong="G2316" are|strong="G1510" above|strong="G0507", where|strong="G3757"

Christ|strong = "G5547" is|strong = "G1510", seated|strong = "G2521"
 on|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G3588" right|strong = "G1188"
 hand|strong = "G1188" of|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316". ²
 Set|strong = "G5426" your|strong = "G5426" mind|strong = "G5426"
 on|strong = "G1909" the|strong = "G3588" things|strong = "G3588"
 that|strong = "G1093" are|strong = "G3588" above|strong = "G0507",
 not|strong = "G3361" on|strong = "G1909" the|strong = "G3588"
 things|strong = "G3588" that|strong = "G1093" are|strong = "G3588"
 on|strong = "G1909" the|strong = "G3588" earth|strong = "G1093". ³
 For|strong = "G1063" you|strong = "G5210" died|strong = "G0599",
 and|strong = "G2532" your|strong = "G2532" life|strong = "G2222"
 is|strong = "G2316" hidden|strong = "G2928" with|strong = "G1722"
 Christ|strong = "G5547" in|strong = "G1722" God|strong = "G2316". ⁴
 When|strong = "G3752" Christ|strong = "G5547", our|strong = "G5547"
 life|strong = "G2222", is|strong = "G3588" revealed|strong = "G5319",
 then|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G5210" will|strong = "G2532"
 also|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532" revealed|strong = "G5319"
 with|strong = "G1722" him|strong = "G0846" in|strong = "G1722"
 glory|strong = "G1391".

⁵Put to|strong = "G1909" death therefore|strong = "G3767"
 your|strong = "G2532" members|strong = "G3196" which|strong = "G3748"
 are|strong = "G1510" on|strong = "G1909" the|strong = "G3588"
 earth|strong = "G1093": sexual|strong = "G4202"
 immorality|strong = "G4202", uncleanness|strong = "G0167", depraved
 passion|strong = "G3806", evil|strong = "G2556" desire|strong = "G1939",
 and|strong = "G2532" covetousness|strong = "G4124",
 which|strong = "G3748" is|strong = "G1510" idolatry|strong = "G1495". ⁶
 For|strong = "G1223" these|strong = "G3739" things' sake|strong = "G1223"
 the|strong = "G3588" wrath|strong = "G3709" of|strong = "G5207"
 God|strong = "G2316" comes|strong = "G2064" on|strong = "G1909"
 the|strong = "G3588" children of|strong = "G5207"
 disobedience|strong = "G0543". ⁷ You|strong = "G5210"
 also|strong = "G2532" once|strong = "G4218" walked|strong = "G4043"
 in|strong = "G1722" those|strong = "G3778", when|strong = "G3753"
 you|strong = "G5210" lived|strong = "G2198" in|strong = "G1722"
 them|strong = "G1722", ⁸ but|strong = "G1161" now|strong = "G1161"
 you|strong = "G5210" must|strong = "G3588" put|strong = "G0659"
 them|strong = "G0659" all|strong = "G3956" away: anger|strong = "G3709",
 wrath|strong = "G3709", malice|strong = "G2549", slander|strong = "G0988",
 and|strong = "G2532" shameful speaking out|strong = "G1537"
 of|strong = "G1537" your|strong = "G2532" mouth|strong = "G4750". ⁹
 Don't|strong = "G3361" lie|strong = "G5574" to|strong = "G1519"
 one|strong = "G0240" another|strong = "G0240", seeing
 that|strong = "G0846" you|strong = "G3361" have|strong = "G3588" put off

the|strong="G3588" old|strong="G3820" man|strong="G0444"
 with|strong="G4862" his|strong="G0846" doings, ¹⁰ and|strong="G2532"
 have|strong="G2532" put|strong="G1746" on|strong="G1519"
 the|strong="G3588" new|strong="G3501" man, who|strong="G3588"
 is|strong="G3588" being renewed|strong="G0341" in|strong="G1519"
 knowledge|strong="G1922" after|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588"
 image|strong="G1504" of|strong="G2596" his|strong="G0846"
 Creator|strong="G2936", ¹¹ where|strong="G3699"
 there|strong="G1762" can't|strong="G3756" be|strong="G2532"
 Greek|strong="G1672" and|strong="G2532" Jew|strong="G2453",
 circumcision|strong="G4061" and|strong="G2532"
 uncircumcision|strong="G0203", barbarian|strong="G0915",
 Scythian|strong="G4658", bondservant, or|strong="G2532"
 free|strong="G1658" person; but|strong="G0235" Christ|strong="G5547"
 is|strong="G3588" all|strong="G3956", and|strong="G2532"
 in|strong="G1722" all|strong="G3956".

12Put|strong="G1746" on|strong="G3767" therefore|strong="G3767",
 as|strong="G5613" God's|strong="G2316" chosen|strong="G1588"
 ones|strong="G0040", holy|strong="G0040" and|strong="G2532"
 beloved|strong="G0025", a|strong="G5613" heart|strong="G4698"
 of|strong="G2316" compassion|strong="G3628",
 kindness|strong="G5544", lowliness, humility|strong="G5012",
 and|strong="G2532" perseverance|strong="G3115"; ¹³
 bearing|strong="G0430" with|strong="G4314" one|strong="G0240"
 another|strong="G0240", and|strong="G2532" forgiving|strong="G5483"
 each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240", if|strong="G1437"
 any|strong="G5100" man|strong="G5100" has|strong="G2192"
 a|strong="G2192" complaint|strong="G3437" against|strong="G4314"
 any|strong="G5100"; even|strong="G2532" as|strong="G2531"
 Christ|strong="G5547" forgave|strong="G5483" you|strong="G5210",
 so|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" also|strong="G2532"
 do|strong="G2192".

14Above|strong="G1909" all|strong="G3956" these|strong="G3778"
 things|strong="G3778", walk in|strong="G1909" love|strong="G0026",
 which|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956"
 bond|strong="G4886" of|strong="G1909" perfection. ¹⁵
 And|strong="G2532" let|strong="G1096" the|strong="G3588"
 peace|strong="G1515" of|strong="G1520" God rule|strong="G1018"
 in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532" hearts|strong="G2588",
 to|strong="G1519" which|strong="G3739" also|strong="G2532"
 you|strong="G5210" were|strong="G3739" called|strong="G2564"
 in|strong="G1722" one|strong="G1520" body|strong="G4983",
 and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1096" thankful|strong="G2170". ¹⁶

Let|strong = "G1774" the|strong = "G3956" word|strong = "G3056"
of|strong = "G3056" Christ|strong = "G5547" dwell|strong = "G1774"
in|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G5210" richly|strong = "G4146";
in|strong = "G1722" all|strong = "G3956" wisdom|strong = "G4678"
teaching|strong = "G1321" and|strong = "G2532"
admonishing|strong = "G3560" one|strong = "G1438"
another|strong = "G1438" with|strong = "G1722" psalms|strong = "G5568",
hymns|strong = "G5215", and|strong = "G2532" spiritual|strong = "G4152"
songs|strong = "G5603", singing|strong = "G0103" with|strong = "G1722"
grace|strong = "G5485" in|strong = "G1722" your|strong = "G2532"
heart|strong = "G2588" to|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G3956"
Lord|strong = "G2316".

17Whatever|strong = "G1437" you|strong = "G3739" do|strong = "G4160",
in|strong = "G1722" word|strong = "G3056" or|strong = "G2228"
in|strong = "G1722" deed|strong = "G2041", do|strong = "G4160"
all|strong = "G3956" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G3956"
name|strong = "G3686" of|strong = "G3056" the|strong = "G3956"
Lord|strong = "G2962" Jesus|strong = "G2424", giving|strong = "G2168"
thanks|strong = "G2168" to|strong = "G2532" God|strong = "G2316"
the|strong = "G3956" Father|strong = "G3962" through|strong = "G1223"
him|strong = "G0846".

18Wives|strong = "G1135", be|strong = "G2962" in|strong = "G1722"
subjection|strong = "G5293" to|strong = "G1722" your|strong = "G2962"
husbands|strong = "G0435", as|strong = "G5613" is|strong = "G2962"
fitting|strong = "G0433" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G3588"
Lord|strong = "G2962".

19Husbands|strong = "G0435", love|strong = "G0025"
your|strong = "G0025" wives|strong = "G1135", and|strong = "G2532"
don't|strong = "G3361" be|strong = "G2532" bitter|strong = "G4087"
against|strong = "G4314" them|strong = "G0846".

20Children|strong = "G5043", obey|strong = "G5219"
your|strong = "G2962" parents|strong = "G1118" in|strong = "G1722"
all|strong = "G3956" things|strong = "G3778", for|strong = "G1063"
this|strong = "G3778" pleases the|strong = "G3956" Lord|strong = "G2962".

21Fathers|strong = "G3962", don't|strong = "G3361"
provoke|strong = "G2042" your|strong = "G2042" children|strong = "G5043",
so|strong = "G2443" that|strong = "G2443" they|strong = "G3962"
won't|strong = "G3361" be|strong = "G5043" discouraged.

22 Servants|strong="G1401", obey|strong="G5219" in|strong="G1722"
 all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956" those|strong="G3588"
 who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3956" your|strong="G2962"
 masters|strong="G2962" according|strong="G2596" to|strong="G2596"
 the|strong="G3956" flesh|strong="G4561", not|strong="G3361"
 just|strong="G5613" when|strong="G5613" they|strong="G5613"
 are|strong="G3956" looking, as|strong="G5613" men|strong="G3956"
 pleasers, but|strong="G0235" in|strong="G1722" singleness
 of|strong="G2962" heart|strong="G2588", fearing|strong="G5399" God.
²³ And|strong="G2532" whatever|strong="G1437" you|strong="G3739"
 do|strong="G4160", work|strong="G2038" heartily|strong="G5590",
 as|strong="G5613" for|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588"
 Lord|strong="G2962" and|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756"
 for|strong="G1537" men|strong="G0444", ²⁴ knowing|strong="G1492"
 that|strong="G3754" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588"
 Lord|strong="G2962" you|strong="G3754" will|strong="G2962"
 receive|strong="G0618" the|strong="G3588" reward|strong="G0469"
 of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" inheritance|strong="G2817";
 for|strong="G3754" you|strong="G3754" serve|strong="G1398"
 the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" Christ|strong="G5547". ²⁵
 But|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" who|strong="G3739"
 does|strong="G1510" wrong|strong="G0091" will|strong="G1510"
 receive|strong="G2865" again|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1063"
 the|strong="G3588" wrong|strong="G0091" that|strong="G3739"
 he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G3739" done|strong="G0091",
 and|strong="G2532" there|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510"
 no|strong="G3756" partiality|strong="G4382".

4 Masters|strong="G2962", give|strong="G3930" to|strong="G2532"
 your|strong="G2962" servants|strong="G1401" that|strong="G3754"
 which|strong="G3748" is|strong="G3772" just|strong="G1342"
 and|strong="G2532" equal, knowing|strong="G1492"
 that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" also|strong="G2532"
 have|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" Master|strong="G2962"
 in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772".

2 Continue steadfastly in|strong="G1722" prayer|strong="G4335",
 watching|strong="G1127" in|strong="G1722" it|strong="G0846"
 with|strong="G1722" thanksgiving|strong="G2169", ³
 praying|strong="G4336" together|strong="G0260" for|strong="G1223"
 us|strong="G4012" also|strong="G2532", that|strong="G3739"
 God|strong="G2316" may|strong="G2532" open|strong="G0455"
 to|strong="G2443" us|strong="G4012" a|strong="G3739"
 door|strong="G2374" for|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588"
 word|strong="G3056", to|strong="G2443" speak|strong="G2980"

the|strong = "G3588" mystery|strong = "G3466" of|strong = "G3056"
 Christ|strong = "G5547", for|strong = "G1223" which|strong = "G3739"
 I|strong = "G1473" am|strong = "G1473" also|strong = "G2532"
 in|strong = "G2316" bonds, ⁴ that|strong = "G2443" I|strong = "G1473"
 may|strong = "G2443" reveal|strong = "G5319" it|strong = "G0846"
 as|strong = "G5613" I|strong = "G1473" ought|strong = "G1163"
 to|strong = "G2443" speak|strong = "G2980".

5Walk|strong = "G4043" in|strong = "G1722" wisdom|strong = "G4678"
 towards those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588" are|strong = "G3588"
 outside|strong = "G1854", redeeming the|strong = "G3588"
 time|strong = "G2540". ⁶ Let your|strong = "G1722"
 speech|strong = "G3056" always|strong = "G3842" be|strong = "G1163"
 with|strong = "G1722" grace|strong = "G5485", seasoned|strong = "G0741"
 with|strong = "G1722" salt|strong = "G0217", that|strong = "G1722"
 you|strong = "G5210" may|strong = "G5485" know|strong = "G1492"
 how|strong = "G4459" you|strong = "G5210" ought|strong = "G1163"
 to|strong = "G1722" answer|strong = "G0611" each|strong = "G1538"
 one|strong = "G1520".

7All|strong = "G3956" my|strong = "G3956" affairs will|strong = "G2962"
 be|strong = "G2532" made|strong = "G1107" known|strong = "G1107"
 to|strong = "G2596" you|strong = "G5210" by|strong = "G1722"
 Tychicus|strong = "G5190", the|strong = "G3956" beloved|strong = "G0027"
 brother|strong = "G0080", faithful|strong = "G4103"
 servant|strong = "G1249", and|strong = "G2532" fellow|strong = "G4889"
 bondservant in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G3956"
 Lord|strong = "G2962". ⁸ I|strong = "G1473" am|strong = "G1473"
 sending|strong = "G3992" him|strong = "G0846" to|strong = "G1519"
 you|strong = "G5210" for|strong = "G1519" this|strong = "G3778"
 very|strong = "G0846" purpose|strong = "G3739", that|strong = "G3739"
 he|strong = "G2532" may|strong = "G2532" know|strong = "G1097"
 your|strong = "G2532" circumstances and|strong = "G2532"
 comfort|strong = "G3870" your|strong = "G2532" hearts|strong = "G2588", ⁹
 together|strong = "G4862" with|strong = "G4862"
 Onesimus|strong = "G3682", the|strong = "G3956" faithful|strong = "G4103"
 and|strong = "G2532" beloved|strong = "G0027" brother|strong = "G0080",
 who|strong = "G3739" is|strong = "G1510" one|strong = "G3739"
 of|strong = "G1537" you|strong = "G5210". They|strong = "G3739"
 will|strong = "G1510" make|strong = "G1107" known|strong = "G1107"
 to|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G5210" everything|strong = "G3956"
 that|strong = "G3739" is|strong = "G1510" going on|strong = "G1537"
 here|strong = "G5602".

10Aristarchus|strong = "G0708", my|strong = "G3739"
 fellow|strong = "G4869" prisoner|strong = "G4869", greets|strong = "G0782"
 you|strong = "G5210", and|strong = "G2532" Mark|strong = "G3138"
 the|strong = "G3588" cousin|strong = "G0431" of|strong = "G4012"
 Barnabas|strong = "G0921" (concerning|strong = "G4012"
 whom|strong = "G3739" you|strong = "G5210" received|strong = "G2983"
 instructions|strong = "G1785", "if|strong = "G1437" he|strong = "G2532"
 comes|strong = "G2064" to|strong = "G4314" you|strong = "G5210",
 receive|strong = "G2983" him|strong = "G0846"), ¹¹ and|strong = "G2532"
 Jesus|strong = "G2424" who|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G1510"
 called|strong = "G3004" Justus|strong = "G2459". These|strong = "G3778"
 are|strong = "G1510" my|strong = "G1096" only|strong = "G3441"
 fellow|strong = "G4904" workers|strong = "G4904" for|strong = "G1519"
 God's|strong = "G2316" Kingdom|strong = "G0932" who|strong = "G3588"
 are|strong = "G1510" of|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G3588"
 circumcision|strong = "G4061", men|strong = "G3778" who|strong = "G3588"
 have|strong = "G1510" been|strong = "G1510" a|strong = "G1096" comfort
 to|strong = "G1519" me|strong = "G3004".

12Epaphras|strong = "G1889", who|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G2316"
 one|strong = "G3588" of|strong = "G1537" you|strong = "G5210",
 a|strong = "G2532" servant|strong = "G1401" of|strong = "G1537"
 Christ|strong = "G5547", salutes you|strong = "G5210",
 always|strong = "G3842" striving|strong = "G0075" for|strong = "G5228"
 you|strong = "G5210" in|strong = "G1722" his|strong = "G3956"
 prayers|strong = "G4335", that|strong = "G2443" you|strong = "G5210"
 may|strong = "G2532" stand|strong = "G2476" perfect|strong = "G5046"
 and|strong = "G2532" complete|strong = "G3956" in|strong = "G1722"
 all|strong = "G3956" the|strong = "G3956" will|strong = "G2307"
 of|strong = "G1537" God|strong = "G2316". ¹³ For|strong = "G1063"
 I|strong = "G2532" testify|strong = "G3140" about|strong = "G1722"
 him|strong = "G0846" that|strong = "G3754" he|strong = "G2532"
 has|strong = "G2192" great|strong = "G4183" zeal for|strong = "G1063"
 you|strong = "G5210", and|strong = "G2532" for|strong = "G1063"
 those|strong = "G3588" in|strong = "G1722" Laodicea|strong = "G2993",
 and|strong = "G2532" for|strong = "G1063" those|strong = "G3588"
 in|strong = "G1722" Hierapolis|strong = "G2404". ¹⁴ Luke|strong = "G3065"
 the|strong = "G3588" beloved|strong = "G0027" physician|strong = "G2395"
 and|strong = "G2532" Demas|strong = "G1214" greet|strong = "G0782"
 you|strong = "G5210". ¹⁵ Greet|strong = "G0782" the|strong = "G3588"
 brothers|strong = "G0080" who|strong = "G3588" are|strong = "G3588"
 in|strong = "G1722" Laodicea|strong = "G2993", with|strong = "G1722"
 Nymphas and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G3588"
 assembly|strong = "G1577" that|strong = "G0846" is|strong = "G3588"
 in|strong = "G1722" his|strong = "G0846" house|strong = "G3624". ¹⁶

When [this](#) [letter](#) [has](#) [been](#) [read](#) [amongst](#) [you](#), [cause](#) [it](#) [to](#) [be](#) [read](#) [also](#) [in](#) [the](#) [assembly](#) [of](#) [the](#) [Laodiceans](#), [and](#) [that](#) [you](#) [also](#) [read](#) [the](#) [letter](#) [from](#) [Laodicea](#). ¹⁷ [Tell](#) [Archippus](#), “[Take](#) [heed](#) [to](#) [the](#) [ministry](#) [which](#) [you](#) [have](#) [received](#) [in](#) [the](#) [Lord](#)”, [that](#) [you](#) [fulfil](#) [it](#).”

¹⁸ [I](#), [Paul](#), [write](#) [this](#) [greeting](#) [with](#) [my](#) [own](#) [hand](#). [Remember](#) [my](#) [chains](#). [Grace](#) [be](#) [with](#) [you](#). Amen.