

Faith Love Hope Bear Fruits
Colossians 1:1-12

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¹ **Paul**, an apostle of Jesus Christ **by the will of God**, and **Timotheus** our brother,

Acts 13:36

For David, after he had served his own generation **by the will of God**, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time **by the will of man**: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

² **To the saints and faithful brethren** in Christ which are at Colosse: **Grace** be unto you, and **peace**, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalms 31:23

O love the LORD, all ye his **saints**: for the LORD **preserveth** the **faithful**, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

... We praise Him

Psalms 89:5 ...and even the heavens praise Him

And the **heavens shall praise** thy wonders, O LORD: thy **faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints**.

³ We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Psalms 75:1

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is **near thy wondrous works declare**.

Colossians 1:3

We give **thanks to God** and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

1 Thessalonians 1:2

We give thanks to God always **for** you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

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FAITH

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⁴ Since we heard of your **faith in Christ Jesus**, and of the **love which ye have to all the saints**,

Romans 5:1

Therefore being justified by **faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus **Christ**:

Galatians 2:16

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the **faith** of Jesus **Christ**, even we have believed in Jesus **Christ**, that we might be justified by the **faith** of **Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with **Christ**: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ** liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the **faith** of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

2 Timothy 3:15

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through **faith** which is in **Christ** Jesus.

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Titus 1:9

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

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LOVE

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⁴ Since we heard of your **faith in Christ Jesus**, and of the **love which ye have to all the saints**,

Psalm 31:23

O **love** the LORD, all ye his **saints**: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

Ephesians 1:15

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and **love** unto all the **saints**,

Philemon 1:5

Hearing of thy **love** and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all **saints**;

1 John 2:10

He that **loveth** his **brother** abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

1 John 4

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1 John 4

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Seeing is believing...so the world says!

...but for us belief is having not seen and yet believing

1 John 4:20

If a man say, I **love** God, and hateth his **brother**, he is a liar: for he that **loveth not** his **brother** whom he hath seen, **how can he love God** whom he hath not seen?

1 John 4:21

And this commandment have we from him, That he who **loveth** God **love** his **brother** also.

John 13:35

³⁴ A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

³⁵ **By this shall all men know** that ye are **my disciples**, if ye have **love one to another**.

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1 John 5

¹ Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that **loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.**

² By this we know that **we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.**

Deuteronomy 30:16

In that I command thee this day to **love the LORD** thy God, to **walk in his ways**, and to **keep his commandments** and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Love – [OT:157](#) אָהַב 'ahab (aw-hab'); or 'ahab (aw-habe'); a primitive root; to have affection for (sexually or otherwise):

KJV - (be-) love (-d, -ly, -r), like, friend.

1 Peter 2:17

Honour all men. **Love the brotherhood. Fear God.** Honour the king.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments:** for this is the whole duty of man.

Fear – [OT:3372](#) יָרָא 'yare' (yaw-ray'); a primitive root; to fear; morally, to revere; caus. to frighten:

KJV - affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence (-end), ^x see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

Keep – [OT:8104](#) שָׁמַר shamar (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.:

KJV - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-erself), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

1 John 5

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Hebrews 13:1

Let brotherly love continue.

Continue – [NT:3306](#) μένω meno (men'-o); a primary verb; to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy):

KJV - abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry (for), ^x thine own.

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2 Timothy 3:15

And that from a child thou hast **known the holy scriptures**, which are **able to make thee wise** unto salvation through **faith which is in Christ Jesus**.

HOPE

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⁵For the **hope** which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

Psalm 33:18

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that **fear him**, upon them that **hope in his mercy**;

Joel 3:16

The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but **the LORD will be the hope of his people**, and the **strength of the children of Israel**.

Psalm 31:24

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that **hope** in the LORD.

Psalm 16:9

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in **hope**.

Psalm 38:15

For in thee, O LORD, do I **hope**: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

Psalm 39:7

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my **hope** is in thee.

Hope in God:

Praise continually

Trust

Unchanging

Scripturally based only

Scripturally reliant

A hiding place and defense

Lifely (lively) –this is a *Stuism*

Evidence of Salvation

Patient

It is merciful and redemptive and eternal

Happiness and expectant knowing the hope we have is the pleasure of the Lord God!

Rejoicing in knowing our calling

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Hope in God (Psalms and Proverbs):

Psalm 43:5

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? **hope** in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 71:5

For thou art my **hope**, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth.

Psalm 71:14

But I will **hope** continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

Psalm 78:7

That they might set their **hope** in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

Psalm 119:43

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have **hoped** in thy judgments.

Psalm 119:49

Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to **hope**.

Psalm 119:74

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have **hoped** in thy word.

Psalm 119:81

My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I **hope** in thy word.

Psalm 119:114

Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I **hope** in thy word.

Psalm 119:116

Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my **hope**.

Psalm 119:147

I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I **hoped** in thy word.

Psalm 119:166

LORD, I have **hoped** for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

Psalm 130:5

I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I **hope**.

Psalm 130:7

Let Israel **hope** in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

Psalm 131:3

Let Israel **hope** in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.

Psalm 146:5

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose **hope** is in the LORD his God:

Psalm 147:11

The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that **hope** in his mercy.

Proverbs 10:28

The **hope** of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

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1 Thessalonians 5:8

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the **breastplate of faith and love**; and for an helmet, the **hope of salvation**.

Titus 1:2

In **hope** of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Hebrews 6:19

Which **hope** we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Tied together by the Love of God...

We should have Faith and Hope!

Hebrews 11:1 Faith and Hope found in Love

Now **faith is the substance of things hoped for**, the **evidence of things not seen**. God is Love

Fear is the beginning of Knowledge..

...but the world never get past the fear and arrive at understanding!

We the saints know that which passeth understanding (of the world)

Therefore we know the Love of God is in us who have Faith and Hope

So it follows that Faith, Love, Hope are manifest in us:

1 John 3:3

And every man that hath **this hope** in him **purifieth himself**, even as **he is pure**.

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FRUIT

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⁶ Which is **come unto you**, as it is **in all the world**; and **bringeth forth fruit**, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and **knew the grace** of God in truth:

Genesis 1:11

And God said, Let the earth bring **forth** grass, the herb yielding seed, and the **fruit** tree yielding **fruit** after **his kind**, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

Galatians 5

²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Ephesians 5:9

(For the **fruit** of the **Spirit** is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Proverbs 11:30 Life

The **fruit** of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Matthew 3:8 Repentance

Bring forth therefore **fruits** meet for repentance:

Matthew 7 Good

¹⁷ Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

¹⁸ A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

¹⁹ Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

John 15:2

Every branch in me that beareth not **fruit** he taketh away: and every branch that beareth **fruit**, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more **fruit**.

John 15:4 Full of Life

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch **cannot bear fruit of itself**, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

John 15:5

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same **bringeth forth much fruit**: for without me ye can do nothing.

John 15:8 Glorifies

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much **fruit**; so shall ye be my disciples.

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John 15:16 Ordained

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and **ordained you**, that ye should go and bring forth **fruit**, and that your **fruit** should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Romans 1:13 Paul wanted to see fruit among the saints

Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some **fruit** among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

Romans 7:4

Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that **we should bring forth fruit unto God.**

Fruit is not hidden...

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Experiences

⁷ As ye also **learned** of Epaphras our dear **fellow servant**, who is for you a **faithful minister** of Christ; **Learned** – [NT:3129](#) μανθάνω **manthano** (man-than'-o); prolongation from a primary verb, another form of which, matheo, is used as an alternate in certain tenses; to learn (in any way): **KJV** - learn, understand.

Declared by His love

⁸ Who also declared unto us your **love in the Spirit.**

Understood by will of God

⁹ For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to **pray for you**, and to desire that ye might be **filled with the knowledge of his will** in all **wisdom** and **spiritual understanding**;

Seen through Good works and knowledge

¹⁰ That ye might walk **worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing**, being **fruitful in every good work**, and **increasing in the knowledge of God**;

Strengthening us always Joyfully through every circumstance of Life

¹¹ **Strengthened with all might**, according to his glorious power, unto all **patience and longsuffering with joyfulness**;

Hebrews 13:15 ...offer ourselves a living loving, faithful, hopeful sacrifice

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the **fruit** of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Thankful Partaker of the inheritance from God by God and through God in Light!

¹² **Giving thanks** unto the Father, which hath **made us meet** to be **partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light**:

A Preeminent God – Colossians 1:12-18

The Preeminent Father

Colossians 1

¹² Giving thanks unto the **Father**, which hath **made us** meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the **saints in Light**:

Ephesians 4

⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

⁶ **One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**

Matthew 24

36 But of that day and hour **knoweth** no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my **Father only**.

James 1

17 Every **good gift** and every **perfect gift** is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is **no variableness, neither shadow of turning**.

Matthew 7

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to **give good gifts** unto your children, **how much more shall your Father** which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Ephesians 1

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as **he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

A Preeminent God – Colossians 1:12-18

The Preeminent Deliverer

Colossians 1

¹³ Who hath **delivered us** from the **power of darkness**, and hath **translated us** into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Delivered – NT:4506 >ρύομαι > rhoumai (hroo'-om-ahée); middle voice of an obsolete verb, akin to NT:4482 (through the idea of a current; compare NT:4511); to rush or draw (for oneself), i.e. rescue: KJV - deliver (-er).

...from – NT:4483 >ρέω > rheo (hreh'-o); a primary verb; for some tenses of which a prolonged form rheuo (hryoo'-o) is used; to flow ("run"; as water): KJV - flow.

2 Samuel 22

¹ And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

² And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and **my deliverer**;

³ The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou **savest me** from violence.

Psalms 18

2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and **my deliverer**; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalms 70

5 But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art **my help and my deliverer**; O LORD, make no tarrying.

Romans 11

²⁵ For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

²⁶ And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, **There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer**, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

²⁷ For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall **take away their sins**.

Psalms 14

7 Oh that the **salvation** of Israel were **come out of Zion!** when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Psalms 53

6 Oh that the **Salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!** When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Isaiah 2

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: **for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

A Preeminent God – Colossians 1:12-18

The Preeminent Deliverer (*cont*)

Colossians 1

¹³ Who hath **delivered us** from the **power of darkness**, and hath **translated us** into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Revelation 12

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation**, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the **power of his Christ**: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

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Psalms 106

8 Nevertheless **he saved them** for his name's sake, that he might **make his mighty power to be known.**

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are **saved it is the power of God.**

Power – [NT:1411](#) δύναμις **dunamis** (doo'-nam-is); from [NT:1410](#); force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself):

KJV - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

Jude 1:25

To the only wise God **our Saviour**, be glory and majesty, dominion and **power**, both **now and ever.** Amen.

Saviour – [NT:4990](#) σωτήρ **soter** (so-tare'); from [NT:4982](#); a deliverer, i.e. God or Christ: **KJV** - saviour.

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The Preeminent Deliverer (*cont*)

Colossians 1

¹³ Who hath **delivered us** from the **power of darkness**, and hath **translated us** into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Darkness – NT:4655 >σκότος > skotos (skot'-os); from the base of NT:4639; shadiness, i.e. obscurity (literally or figuratively): KJV - darkness.

...from – NT:4639 – >σκία > skia (skee'-ah); apparently a primary word; "shade" or a shadow (literally or figuratively [darkness of error or an adumbration]): KJV - shadow.

Proverbs 4

19 The way of the wicked is as **darkness**: they know not at what they stumble.

Jeremiah 13

16 Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause **darkness**, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it **gross darkness**.

Daniel 2

22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: **he knoweth what is in the darkness**, and the light dwelleth with him.

Amos 5

18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

Amos 5

20 Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

Zephaniah 1

¹⁴ **The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly**, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

Cry – OT:6873 צָרַח **tsarach** (tsaw-rakh'); a primitive root; to be clear (in tone, i.e. shrill), i.e. to whoop: **KJV** - cry, roar.

Bitterly – OT:4751 מָרַר **mar** (mar); or (feminine) **marah** (maw-raw'); from OT:4843; bitter (literally or figuratively); also (as noun) bitterness, or (adverbially) bitterly:

KJV - + angry, bitter (-ly, -ness), chafed, discontented, ^x great, heavy.

¹⁵ That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

¹⁶ A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

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The Preeminent Deliverer (*cont*)

Colossians 1

¹³ Who hath **delivered us** from the **power of darkness**, and hath **translated us** into the kingdom of his **dear Son**:

Translated – NT:3179 > μεθίστημι > methistemi (meth-is'-tay-mee); or (1 Cor 13:2) methistano (meth-is-tan'-o); from NT:3326 and NT:2476; to transfer, i.e. carry away, depose or (figuratively) exchange, seduce: KJV - put out, remove, translate, turn away.

Dear – NT:26 > ἀγάπη > agape (ag-ah'-pay); from NT:25; love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast: KJV - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

Hebrews 11

5 By faith Enoch was **translated** that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had **translated** him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Translated – NT:3346 μετατίθημι **metatithemi** (met-at-ith'-ay-mee); from NT:3326 and NT:5087; to transfer, i.e. (literally) transport, (by implication) exchange (reflexively) change sides, or (figuratively) pervert: **KJV** - carry over, change, remove, translate, turn.

The Preeminent Redeemer

Colossians 1

¹⁴ In whom we have **redemption** through his blood, even the **forgiveness of sins**:

Redemption – NT:629 > ἀπολύτρωσις <END GREEK> apolutrosis (ap-ol-oo'-tro-sis); from a compound of NT:575 and NT:3083; (the act) ransom in full, i.e. (figuratively) riddance, or (specially) Christian salvation: KJV - deliverance, redemption.

...from – NT:3083 > λύτρον > lutron (loo'-tron); from NT:3089; something to loose with, i.e. a redemption price (figuratively, atonement): KJV - ransom.

Isaiah 49

7 Thus saith the LORD, the **Redeemer** of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

Isaiah 49

26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy **Redeemer**, the mighty One of Jacob.

1 Corinthians 1

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is **made unto us** wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and **redemption**:

Hebrews 9

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal **redemption** for us.

A Preeminent God – Colossians 1:12-18

The Preeminent Redeemer (*cont*)

Colossians 1

¹⁴In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Isaiah 54

5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy **Redeemer** the **Holy One** of Israel; **The God of the whole earth shall he be called.**

Isaiah 59

20 And the **Redeemer shall come to Zion**, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 50

34 Their **Redeemer is strong**; the **LORD of hosts** is his name: he shall throughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

Forgiveness – NT:859 ἄφεσις > aphasis (af-es-is); from NT:863; freedom; (figuratively) pardon: KJV - deliverance, forgiveness, liberty, remission.

...from – NT:863 > ἀφίημι > aphiemi (af-ee'-ay-mee); from NT:575 and hiemi (to send; an intens. form of eimi, to go); to send forth, in various applications (as follow):

KJV - cry, forgive, forsake, lay aside, leave, let (alone, be, go, have), omit, put (send) away, remit, suffer, yield up.

Sins – NT:266 > ἁμαρτία > hamartia (ham-ar-tee'-ah); from NT:264; a sin (properly abstract):

KJV - offence, sin (-ful).

Ephesians 1

7 In whom we have **redemption through His blood**, the **forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of His grace;

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The Preeminent Creator

Colossians 1

¹⁵ Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Image – NT:1504 > εἰκών > eikon (i-kone'); from NT:1503; a likeness, i.e. (literally) statue, profile, or (figuratively) representation, resemblance: KJV - image.

Invisible – NT:517 > ἄορατος > aoratos (ah-or'-at-os); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:3707; invisible: KJV - invisible (thing).

...from – NT:3707 > ὁρατός > horatos (hor-at-os'); from NT:3708; gazed at, i.e. (by implication) capable of being seen: KJV - visible.

Firstborn – NT:4416 > πρωτοτόκος > prototokos (pro-tot-ok'-os); from NT:4413 and the alternate of NT:5088; first-born (usually as noun, literally or figuratively):

KJV - firstbegotten (-born).

...from – NT:4413 > πρῶτος > protos (pro'-tos); contracted superlative of NT:4253; foremost (in time, place, order or importance):

KJV - before, beginning, best, chief (-est), first (of all), former.

...from – NT:4253 > πρό > pro (pro); a primary preposition; "fore", i.e. in front of, prior (figuratively, superior) to:

KJV - above, ago, before, or ever. In comparison it retains the same significations.

...and from – NT:5088 τίκτω > tikto (tik'-to); a strengthened form of a primary teko (tek'-o) (which is used only as alternate in certain tenses); to produce (from seed, as a mother, a plant, the earth, etc.), lit or fig: KJV - bear, be born, bring forth, be delivered, be in travail.

Creature – NT:2937 > κτίσις > ktisis (ktis'-is); from NT:2936; original formation (properly, the act; by implication, the thing, literally or figuratively):

KJV - building, creation, creature, ordinance.

Genesis 1

26 And God said, **Let us make man in our image**, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Genesis 1

27 So **God created man in his own image**, in **the image of God** created he him; male and female created he them.

Romans 8

29 For **whom he did foreknow**, **he also did predestinate** to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Romans 1

20 For the **invisible things of him** from the creation of the world are **clearly seen**, being **understood** by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are **without excuse**:

A Preeminent God – Colossians 1:12-18

The Preeminent Creator (*cont*)

Colossians 1

¹⁵ Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

1 Timothy 1

17 Now unto **the King** eternal, immortal, **invisible**, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 11

27 By faith he **forsook Egypt**, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is **invisible**.

Isaiah 45

7 I form the light, and **create** darkness: I make peace, and **create** evil: **I the LORD do all these things**.

The Preeminent Creation

Colossians 1

¹⁶ 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**:

Created – NT:2936 > κτίζω > ktizo (ktid'-zo); probably akin to NT:2932 (through the idea of proprietor-ship of the manufacturer); to fabricate, i.e. found (form originally):

KJV - create, Creator, make.

Heaven – NT:3772 > οὐρανός > ouranos (oo-ran-os'); perhaps from the same as NT:3735 (through the idea of elevation); the sky; by extension, heaven (as the abode of God); by implication, happiness, power, eternity; specifically, the Gospel (Christianity):

KJV - air, heaven ([-ly]), sky.

Earth – NT:1093 > γῆ > ge (ghay); contracted from a primary word; soil; by extension a region, or the solid part or the whole of the terrene globe (including the occupants in each application):

KJV - country, earth (-ly), ground, land, world.

Visible – NT:3707 > ὁρατός > horatos (hor-at-os'); from NT:3708; gazed at, i.e. (by implication) capable of being seen: KJV - visible.

Invisible – NT:517 > ἀόρατος > aoratos (ah-or'-at-os); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:3707; invisible: KJV - invisible (thing).

Thrones – NT:2362 > Θρόνος > thronos (thron'-os); from thrao (to sit); a stately seat ("throne"); by implication, power or (concretely) a potentate: KJV - seat, throne.

Dominions – NT:2963 > κυριότης > kuriotes (koo-ree-ot'-ace); from NT:2962; mastery, i.e. (concretely and collectively) rulers: KJV - dominion, government.

Principalities – NT:746 – > ἀρχή > arche (ar-khay'); from NT:756; (properly abstract) a commencement, or (concretely) chief (in various applications of order, time, place, or rank): KJV - beginning, corner, (at the, the) first (estate), magistrate, power, principality, principle, rule.

Powers – NT:1849 > ἐξουσία > exousia (ex-oo-see'-ah); from NT:1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence:

KJV - authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

A Preeminent God – Colossians 1:12-18

The Preeminent Creation (*cont*)

Colossians 1 (*cont*)

¹⁶ 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**:

Ephesians 3

9 And to make **all** men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who **created all things by Jesus Christ**:

Revelation 4

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast **created all things**, and **for thy pleasure they are and were created**.

1 Corinthians 8

6 But to us there is but one God, the **Father**, of whom are **all things**, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, **by whom are all things**, and we by him.

The Preeminent Existence

Colossians 1

¹⁷ **And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.**

Consist – NT:4921 > ΣΥΝΙΣΤᾶω > sunistao (soon-is-tah'-o); or (strengthened) sunistano (soon-is-tan'-o); or sunistemi (soon-is'-tay-mee); from NT:4862 and NT:2476 (including its collat. forms); to set together, i.e. (by implication) to introduce (favorably), or (figuratively) to exhibit; intransitively, to stand near, or (figuratively) to constitute:

KJV - approve, commend, consist, make, stand (with).

...from – NT:4862 > ΣΥΝ > sun (soon); a primary preposition denoting union; with or together (but much closer than NT:3326 or NT:3844), i.e. by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality, addition, etc.:

KJV - beside, with. In composition it has similar applications, including completeness.

...and from – NT:2476 ἵστημι > histemi (his'-tay-mee); a prolonged form of a primary stao (stah'-o) (of the same meaning, and used for it in certain tenses); to stand (transitively or intransitively), used in various applications (literally or figuratively):

KJV - abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set (up), stanch, stand (by, forth, still, up). Compare NT:5087.

A Preeminent God – Colossians 1:12-18

The Preeminent God

Colossians 1

¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence.

Head – NT:2776 > κεφαλή > kephale (kef-al-ay'); from the primary kapto (in the sense of seizing); the head (as the part most readily taken hold of), literally or figuratively: KJV - head.

Body – NT:4983 > σῶμα > soma (so'-mah); from NT:4982; the body (as a sound whole), used in a very wide application, literally or figuratively: KJV - bodily, body, slave.

Church – NT:1577 > ἐκκλησία > ekklesia (ek-klay-see'-ah); from a compound of NT:1537 and a derivative of NT:2564; a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): KJV - assembly, church.

Beginning – NT:746 ἄρχή > arche (ar-khay'); from NT:756; (properly abstract) a commencement, or (concretely) chief (in various applications of order, time, place, or rank):

KJV - beginning, corner, (at the, the) first (estate), magistrate, power, principality, principle, rule.

Firstborn – NT:4416 > πρωτοτόκος > prototokos (pro-tot-ok'-os); from NT:4413 and the alternate of NT:5088; first-born (usually as noun, literally or fig): KJV - firstbegotten (-born).

Dead – NT:3498 > νεκρός > nekros (nek-ros'); from an apparently primary nekus (a corpse); dead (literally or figuratively; also as noun): KJV - dead.

Preeminence – NT:4409 > πρωτεύω > proteuo (prote-yoo'-o); from NT:4413; to be first (in rank or influence): KJV - have the preeminence.

...from – NT:4413 > πρῶτος > protos (pro'-tos); contracted superlative of NT:4253; foremost (in time, place, order or importance):

KJV - before, beginning, best, chief (-est), first (of all), former.

Ecclesiastes 3

19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no **preeminence** above a beast: for all is vanity.

His Pleasure and, By God, Our Pleasure

Col 1:19-20

HIS PLEASURE

Colossians 1

¹⁹ For it **pleased the Father** that in Him should all **fulness** dwell;

Pleased – [NT:2106](#) εὐδοκέω **eudokeo** (yoo-dok-eh'-o); from [NT:2095](#) and [NT:1380](#); to think well of, i.e. approve (an act); specially, to approbate (a person or thing): **KJV** - think good, (be well) please (-d), be the good (have, take) pleasure, be willing.

Fulness – [NT:4138](#) πλήρωμα **pleroma** (play'-ro-mah); from [NT:4137](#); repletion or completion, i.e. (subjectively) what fills (as contents, supplement, copiousness, multitude), or (objectively) what is filled (as container, performance, period): **KJV** - which is put in to fill up, piece that filled up, fulfilling, full, fulness.

1 Corinthians 1 *Foolishness of Preaching*

²¹ For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it **pleased God** by the **foolishness of preaching** to save them that believe.

Isaiah 46 *It is His Will*

¹⁰ **Declaring** the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the **things that are not yet done**, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my **pleasure**:

Ephesians 1

⁴ According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

⁵ Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to **the good pleasure of his will**,

⁶ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Deuteronomy 33

¹⁶ And for the precious things of the earth and **fulness** thereof, and **for the good will of him** that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was **separated** from his brethren.

Psalm 35 *...prosperity*

²⁷ Let them shout for **joy**, and be glad, that **favour my righteous cause**: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be **magnified**, which hath **pleasure** in the **prosperity of his servant**.

Prosperity – [OT:7965](#) שָׁלוֹם **shalowm** (shaw-lome'); or **shalom** (shaw-lome'); from [OT:7999](#); safe, i.e. (figuratively) well, **happy**, friendly; also (abstractly) **welfare**, i.e. health, prosperity, peace:

KJV - ^xdo, familiar, ^xfare, favour, + friend, ^xgreat, (good) health, (X perfect, such as be at) peace (-able, -ably), prosper (-ity, -ous), rest, safe (-ty), salute, welfare, (X all is, be) well, ^xwholly.

Psalm 147 *...fear and hope*

¹¹ The LORD taketh **pleasure** in them that **fear him**, in those that **hope in his mercy**.

Psalm 149 *...His people*

⁴ For the LORD taketh **pleasure** in his people: he will **beautify the meek with salvation**.

His Pleasure and, By God, Our Pleasure

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HIS PLEASURE (*cont*)

Luke 12 *...to give*

³² Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good **pleasure** to give you the kingdom.

Psalm 16

¹¹ Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are **pleasures for evermore**.

John 1

¹⁶ And of his **fulness** have all we received, and grace for grace.

With Purpose

Ephesians 1 *Purpose to His Good Pleasure*

⁸ Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

⁹ Having **made known unto us the mystery of his will**, according to **his good pleasure** which he hath **purposed in himself**:

¹⁰ That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might **gather together in one all things in Christ**, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Philippians 2

¹³ For it is God which worketh in you both **to will** and **to do** of his good **pleasure**.

With Proprietorship

Ephesians 1

²² **And** hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the **head over all things to the church**,

²³ Which is his body, the **fulness** of him that **filleteth all in all**.

Colossians 2

⁸ 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.

⁹ For **in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead** bodily.

¹⁰ And ye are complete in him, which is the **head of all principality and power**:

With Passion

Ephesians 3

¹⁹ And to **know the love of Christ**, which passeth knowledge, that ye might **be filled with all the fulness of God**.

With Predestination

Ephesians 1

⁴ According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

⁵ Having **predestinated us ...**

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HIS PLEASURE (*cont*)

With Possession

...unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Proverbs 8

22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old.

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BY GOD

With Peace

Colossians 1

²⁰ And, having **made 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.

Reconciliation

Romans 5

¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, **we were reconciled to God by the death** of his Son, much more, being **reconciled**, we shall be **saved by his life**.

Reconciled – [NT:2644](#) καταλλάσσω **katallasso** (kat-al-las'-so); from [NT:2596](#) and [NT:236](#); to change mutually, i.e. (figuratively) to compound a difference:
KJV - reconcile.

2 Corinthians 5

¹⁸ And all things are of **God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ**, and hath given to us the **ministry of reconciliation**;

Colossians 1

²¹ And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath **he reconciled**

Ephesians 2

¹⁶ And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having **slain the enmity** thereby:

Revelation 4

¹¹ **Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and** for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Acceptable

1 Peter 2

⁵ Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, **acceptable** to God **by Jesus Christ**.

Acceptable – [NT:2144](#) εὐπρόσδεκτος **euprosdektos** (yoo-pros'-dek-tos); from [NT:2095](#) and a derivative of [NT:4327](#); well-received, i.e. approved, favorable:
KJV - acceptable (-ted).

Psalms 37

²³ The **steps of a good man** are ordered **by the LORD**: and **he delighteth in his way**.

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Col 1:19-20

BY GOD (*cont*)

Creation

John 1

³ All things were made **by Him**; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

...All things

1 Corinthians 8

⁵ For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

⁶ But **to us** there is but one God, the Father, of whom are **all things**, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, **by whom** are all things, and we **by him**.

⁷ Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

Ephesians 3

⁹ And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who **created all things by Jesus Christ**:

...Visible and invisible

Colossians 1

16 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:

...Made by Him

John 1

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made **by Him**, and the world knew him not.

Nehemiah 9

⁶ Thou, even thou, art **LORD alone**; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou **preservest them all**; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

...Consist by Him

Colossians 1

¹⁷ And he is before all things, and **by Him** all things consist.

Faith

Acts 3

¹⁶ And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the **faith which is by Him** hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

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BY GOD (*cont*)

Believe

1 Peter 1

²⁰ Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

²¹ Who **by him do believe** in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

2 Timothy 1

¹⁴ That good thing which was committed unto thee **keep by the Holy Ghost** which dwelleth in us.

Justification

Acts 13

³⁹ And **by Him** all that believe are **justified from all things**, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Taught

Ephesians 4

²⁰ But ye have not so learned Christ;

²¹ If so be that ye have heard him, and have been **taught by Him**, as the truth is in Jesus:

Luke 12

¹² For **the Holy Ghost shall teach** you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

John 14

²⁶ But the Comforter, which is the **Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he **shall teach** you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

1 Corinthians 2

¹³ Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom **teacheth**, but which **the Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Ephesians 4

²² That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

²³ And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

²⁴ And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

His Pleasure and, By God, Our Pleasure

Col 1:19-20

BY GOD (*cont*)

Persuaded

Romans 14

¹⁴ I know, and am **persuaded by the Lord Jesus**, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

Romans 8

³⁷ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:12

For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am **persuaded** that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Oath

Hebrews 7

²¹ (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath **by Him** that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

²² By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

Salvation

Hebrews 7

²⁴ But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

²⁵ Wherefore he is able also to **save them** to the uttermost that **come unto God by Him**, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

Sanctification

Jude 1

¹ Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are **sanctified by God the Father**, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

Romans 15

16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being **sanctified by the Holy Ghost**.

His Pleasure and, By God, Our Pleasure

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BY GOD (*cont*)

Fruit

Hebrews 13

¹⁴ For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

¹⁵ By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

¹⁶ But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Philippians 1

¹¹ Being filled with the **fruits of righteousness**, which are **by Jesus Christ**, unto the glory and praise of God.

Enrichment

1 Corinthians 1

⁴ I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

⁵ That in every thing ye are **enriched by Him**, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

Enriched – [NT:4148](#) πλουτίζω **ploutizo** (ploō-tid'-zo); from [NT:4149](#); to make wealthy (figuratively): **KJV** - en- (make) rich.

⁶ Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

Moved

2 Peter 1

²¹ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were **moved by the Holy Ghost**.

Not moved by God

...lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God

2 Thessalonians 2

⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

¹¹ And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie:

¹² **That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

¹³ But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath **from the beginning chosen you** to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

His Displeasure

Ezekiel 18

²³ Have I any **pleasure** at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

Ezekiel 18

³² For I have no **pleasure** in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

His Pleasure and, By God, Our Pleasure

Col 1:19-20

BY GOD (*cont*)

Ezekiel 33

¹¹ Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no **pleasure** in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 38 (PS 6:1)

¹ O Lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy **hot displeasure**.

Romans 1

³¹ Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

³² Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are **worthy of death**, not only **do the same**, but **have pleasure in them that do them**.

Ecclesiastes 5

⁴ When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no **pleasure** in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

Psalm 147

¹⁰ He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not **pleasure** in the legs of a man.

Psalm 5

⁴ For thou art not a God that hath **pleasure** in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

Life

John 6 *Jesus Christ (The Way, The Truth, The Life) Said...*

⁵⁷ As the living Father hath sent me, and I **live by the Father**: so he that eateth me, even he shall live **by me**.

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OUR PLEASURE

1 John 3

²² And whatsoever we ask, we receive of **Him**, because we keep His commandments, and **do those things that are pleasing in his sight**.

1 John 5

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not **grievous**.

Proverbs 15

¹⁰ Correction is **grievous** unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.

Proverbs 9

⁸ **Reprove** not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

1 Thessalonians 2

⁴ But as we were **allowed of God** to be **put in trust** with the gospel, even so we speak; not as **pleasing** men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

1 Thessalonians 4

¹ Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how **ye ought to walk and to please God**, so ye would abound more and more.

1 John 2

⁶ He that saith he abideth in him **ought** himself also so **to walk**, even as **He walked**.

1 John 3

¹ Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that **we should be called the sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

² Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

³ And every man that hath this hope in him **purifieth [sanctify] himself, even as He is pure**.

Matthew 3 ...of the Lord Jesus Christ, The Son of God

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased**.

Can God Say this about you?!
It is His Pleasure the we, by God, are Pleasing unto God!

Before and After Reconciliation Col 1:21-29

Before and After Reconciliation

Colossians 1

²¹ And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

Alienated – [NT:526](#) ἀπαλλοτριόω **apallotrioo** (ap-al-lot-ree-o'-o); from [NT:575](#) and a derivative of [NT:245](#); to estrange away, i.e. (passively and figuratively) to be non-participant: **KJV** - alienate, be alien.

Enemies – [NT:2190](#) ἐχθρός **echthros** (ech-thros'); from a primary echtho (to hate); hateful (passively, odious, or actively, hostile); usually as a noun, an adversary (especially Satan): **KJV** - enemy, foe.

Reconciled – [NT:604](#) ἀποκατάλλασσω **apokatallasso** (ap-ok-at-al-las'-so); from [NT:575](#) and [NT:2644](#); to reconcile fully: **KJV** - reconcile.

...from – [NT:575](#) ἀπό **apo** (apo'); a primary particle; "off," i.e. away (from something near), in various senses (of place, time, or relation; literal or figurative):

KJV - (X here-) after, ago, at, because of, before, by (the space of), for (-th), from, in, (out) of, off, (up-) on (-ce), since, with. In composition (as a prefix) it usually denotes separation, departure, cessation, completion, reversal, etc.

...from – [NT:2644](#) καταλλάσσω **katallasso** (kat-al-las'-so); from [NT:2596](#) and [NT:236](#); to change mutually, i.e. (figuratively) to compound a difference: **KJV** - reconcile.

Wicked – [NT:4190](#) πονηρός **poneros** (pon-ay-ros'); from a derivative of [NT:4192](#); hurtful, i.e. evil (properly, in effect or influence, and thus differing from [NT:2556](#), which refers rather to essential character, as well as from [NT:4550](#), which indicates degeneracy from original virtue); figuratively, calamitous; also (passively) ill, i.e. diseased; but especially (morally) culpable, i.e. derelict, vicious, facinorous; neuter (singular) mischief, malice, or (plural) guilt; masculine (singular) the devil, or (plural) sinners:

KJV - bad, evil, grievous, harm, lewd, malicious, wicked (-ness). See also [NT:4191](#).

Why?

Colossians 1

²² In the body of his flesh through death, to **present you** holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

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Presentation

Colossians 1

²² In the body of his flesh through death, to **present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight**:

Present – [NT:3936](#) παρίστημι **paristemi** (par-is'-tay-mee); or **prolonged paristano** (par-is-tan'-o); from [NT:3844](#) and [NT:2476](#); to stand beside, i.e. (transitively) to exhibit, proffer, (specifically) recommend, (figuratively) substantiate; or (intransitively) to be at hand (or ready), aid:

KJV - assist, bring before, command, commend, give presently, present, prove, provide, shew, stand (before, by, here, up, with), yield.

Sight – [NT:2714](#) κατενώπιον **katenopion** (kat-en-o'-pee-on); from [NT:2596](#) and [NT:1799](#); directly in front of: **KJV** - before (the presence of), in the sight of.

Holy – [NT:40](#) ἅγιος **hagios** (hag'-ee-os); from **hagos** (an awful thing) [compare [NT:53](#), [NT:2282](#)]; sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated): **KJV** - (most) holy (one, thing), saint.

Unblameable – [NT:299](#) ἄμωμος **amomos** (am'-o-mos); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and [NT:3470](#); **unblemished** (literally or figuratively):

KJV - without blame (blemish, fault, spot), faultless, unblameable.

Unproveable – [NT:410](#) ἀνέγκλητος **anegkletos** (an-eng'-klay-tos); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and a derivative of [NT:1458](#); unaccused, i.e. (by implication) **irreproachable**: **KJV** - blameless.[faultless, flawless, ..fine!]

2 Corinthians 11

¹ Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.

² For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to **one** husband, that I may **present you as a chaste virgin** to Christ.

Chaste – [NT:53](#) ἄγνός **hagnos** (hag-nos'); from the same as [NT:40](#); properly, clean, i.e. (figuratively) innocent, modest, perfect: **KJV** - chaste, clean, pure.

³ But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Virgin – [NT:53](#) ἄγνός **hagnos** (hag-nos'); from the same as [NT:40](#); properly, clean, i.e. (figuratively) innocent, modest, perfect: **KJV** - chaste, clean, pure.

...from – [NT:40](#) ἅγιος **hagios** (hag'-ee-os); from **hagos** (an awful thing) [compare [NT:53](#), [NT:2282](#)]; sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated): **KJV** - (most) holy (one, thing), saint.

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Presentation (*cont*)

Colossians 1

²² In the body of his flesh through death, to **present you** holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

Jude 1

²¹ Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

²² And of some have compassion, making a difference:

²³ And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

²⁴ Now unto him **that is able to keep you from falling**, and to **present you faultless** before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Falling – [NT:679](#) ἄπταιστος **aptaistos** (ap-tah'-ee-stos); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and a derivative of [NT:4417](#); not stumbling, i.e. (figuratively) without sin: **KJV** - from falling.

Faultless – [NT:299](#) ἄμωμος **amomos** (am'-o-mos); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and [NT:3470](#); **unblemished** (literally or figuratively):

KJV - without blame (blemish, fault, spot), faultless, unblameable.

²⁵ To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Philippians 2

¹⁴ Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

¹⁵ That ye may **be blameless and harmless**, the sons of God, **without rebuke**, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as **lights in the world**;

Harmless – [NT:185](#) ἀκέραιος **akeraios** (ak-er'-ah-yos); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of [NT:2767](#); **unmixed**, i.e. (figuratively) **innocent**: **KJV** - harmless, simple.

Without rebuke – [NT:299](#) ἄμωμος **amomos** (am'-o-mos); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and [NT:3470](#); **unblemished** (literally or figuratively):

KJV - without blame (blemish, fault, spot), faultless, unblameable.

¹⁶ **Holding forth the word of life**; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

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Presentation (*cont*)

Colossians 1

²² In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

1 Peter 1 ...*as He presented Himself*

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Hebrews 9 ...*His Example*

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit **offered himself without spot to God**, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Purge – [NT:2511](#) καθαρίζω **katharizo** (kath-ar-id'-zo); from [NT:2513](#); to cleanse (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - (make) clean (-se), purge, purify.

Conscience – [NT:4893](#) συνείδησις **suneidesis** (soon-i'-day-sis); from a prolonged form of [NT:4894](#); coperception, i.e. moral consciousness: **KJV** - conscience.

1 Timothy 6 ...*follow after Him*

¹¹ But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and **follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.**

¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

¹³ I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

¹⁴ That thou keep this commandment **without spot, unrebukable**, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Ephesians 5

27 That he might **present it to himself** a glorious church, **not having spot**, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be **holy and without blemish.**

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Continuation

Colossians 1

²³ If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Continue – [NT:1961](#) ἐπιμένω **epimeno** (ep-ee-men'-o); from [NT:1909](#) and [NT:3306](#); to stay over, i.e. remain (figuratively, persevere): **KJV** - abide (in), continue (in), tarry.

Grounded

Grounded – [NT:2311](#) θεμελιόω **themelioo** (them-el-ee-o'-o); from [NT:2310](#); to lay a basis for, i.e. (literally) erect, or (figuratively) consolidate:

KJV - (lay the) found (-ation), ground, settle.

Settled

Settled – [NT:1476](#) ἕδραϊος **hedraios** (hed-rah'-yos); from a derivative of **hezomai** (to sit); sedentary, i.e. (by implication) immovable: **KJV** - settled, stedfast.

Moved away – [NT:3334](#) μετακινέω **metakineo** (met-ak-ee-neh'-o); from [NT:3326](#) and [NT:2795](#); to stir to a place elsewhere, i.e. remove (figuratively):

KJV - move away.

Hopeful

Hope – [NT:1680](#) ἐλπίς **elpis** (el-pece'); from a primary **elpo** (to anticipate, usually with pleasure); expectation (abstractly or concretely) or confidence:

KJV - faith, hope.

Preached – [NT:2784](#) κηρύσσω **kerusso** (kay-roos'-so); of uncertain affinity; to herald (as a public crier), especially divine truth (the gospel):

KJV - preacher (-er), proclaim, publish.

Creature – [NT:2937](#) κτίσις **ktisis** (ktis'-is); from [NT:2936](#); original formation (properly, the act; by implication, the thing, literally or figuratively):

KJV - building, creation, creature, ordinance.

Minister – [NT:1249](#) διάκονος **diakonos** (dee-ak'-on-os); probably from an obsolete **diako** (to run on errands; compare [NT:1377](#)); an attendant, i.e. (genitive case) a waiter (at table or in other menial duties); specially, a Christian teacher and pastor (technically, a deacon or deaconess): **KJV** - deacon, minister, servant.

1 Timothy 4

¹⁶ **Take heed unto thyself**, and unto the **doctrine**; **continue in them**: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

2 Timothy 3

¹⁴ But **continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of**, **knowing of whom thou hast learned them**;

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Continuation (*cont*)

Colossians 1

²³ If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was **preached to every creature which is under heaven**; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Hopeful (*cont*)

1 John 2

¹⁹ **They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.**

1 John 2

²⁴ **Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.**

Romans 11

²² Behold therefore the **goodness and severity of God**: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou **continue in his goodness**: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

Galatians 3

¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, **Cursed is every one that continueth not** in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

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Afflictions

Colossians 1

²⁴ Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ [Messiah] in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

We suffer but not to the extent that Christ suffered yet following after and fulfilling His suffer through the living sacrifice of ourselves for the body of Christ, for His sake, for the church.

Rejoice – [NT:5463](#) χαίρω **chairo** (khah'-ee-ro); a primary verb; to be "cheerful", i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well:

KJV - farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hail, joy (-fully), rejoice.

Sufferings – [NT:3804](#) πάθημα **pathema** (path'-ay-mah); from a presumed derivative of [NT:3806](#); something undergone, i.e. hardship or pain; subjectively, an emotion or influence: **KJV** - affection, affliction, motion, suffering.

...from – [NT:3806](#) πάθος **pathos** (path'-os); from the alternate of [NT:3958](#); properly, suffering ("pathos"), i.e. (subjectively) a passion (especially concupiscence): **KJV** - (inordinate) affection, lust.

Behind – [NT:5303](#) ὑστέρημα **husterema** (hoos-ter'-ay-mah); from [NT:5302](#); a deficit; specifically, poverty:

KJV - that which is behind, (that which was) lack (-ing), penury, want.

...from – [NT:5302](#) ὑστερέω **hustereo** (hoos-ter-eh'-o); from [NT:5306](#); to be later, i.e. (by implication) to be inferior; generally, to fall short (be deficient): **KJV** - come behind (short), be destitute, fail, lack, suffer need, (be in) want, be the worse.

...from – [NT:5306](#) ὕστερος **husteros** (hoos'-ter-os); comparative from [NT:5259](#) (in the sense of behind); later: **KJV** - latter.

Afflictions – [NT:2347](#) θλίψις **thlipsis** (thlip'-sis); from [NT:2346](#); pressure (lit or fig):

KJV - afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.

...from – [NT:2346](#) θλίβω **thlibo** (thlee'-bo); akin to the base of [NT:5147](#); to crowd (literally or figuratively):

KJV - afflict, narrow, throng, suffer tribulation, trouble.

Church – [NT:1577](#) ἐκκλησία **ekklesia** (ek-klay-see'-ah); from a compound of [NT:1537](#) and a derivative of [NT:2564](#); a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): **KJV** - assembly, church.

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Afflictions (*cont*)

Colossians 1

²⁴ Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ [Messiah] in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

Psalm 22

²⁴ For he hath not despised nor abhorred the **affliction** of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

Jonah 2

² And said, I cried by reason of mine **affliction** unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.

Psalm 34

¹⁹ Many are the **afflictions** of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

2 Corinthians 4

¹⁷ For our light **affliction**, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

1 Thessalonians 1

⁶ And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much **affliction**, with joy of the Holy Ghost.

2 Timothy 4

⁵ But watch thou in all things, endure **afflictions**, do the work of an evangelist, **make full proof of thy ministry**.

1 Corinthians 13

⁷ Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Hebrews 10

³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

³² But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye **endured a great fight of afflictions**;

³³ Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

³⁴ For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and **took joyfully the spoiling of your goods**, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

³⁵ Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

³⁶ For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

³⁷ For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

³⁸ Now the just shall live by faith: but **if any man draw back**, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

³⁹ But **we are not of them who draw back unto perdition**; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

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Dispensation

Colossians 1

²⁵ Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

Dispensation – [NT:3622](#) οἰκονομία **oikonomia** (oy-kon-om-ee'-ah); from [NT:3623](#); administration (of a household or estate); specifically, a (religious) "economy": **KJV** - dispensation, stewardship.

Fulfil – [NT:4137](#) πληρόω **pleroo** (play-ro'-o); from [NT:4134](#); to make replete, i.e. (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (figuratively) to furnish (or imbue, diffuse, influence), satisfy, execute (an office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.:

KJV - accomplish, ^x after, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

...from – [NT:4134](#) πλήρης **pleres** (play'-race); from [NT:4130](#); replete, or covered over; by analogy, complete: **KJV** - full.

Ephesians 1

¹⁰ That in the **dispensation** of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Ephesians 3

¹ For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

² If ye have heard of the **dispensation of the grace of God** which is given me to you-ward:

³ How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

⁴ Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

⁵ Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

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Manifestation

Colossians 1

²⁶ Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Mystery – [NT:3466](#) μυστήριον **musterion** (moos-tay'-ree-on); from a derivative of muo (to shut the mouth); a secret or "mystery" (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites): **KJV** - mystery.

Ages – [NT:165](#) αἰών **aion** (ahee-ohn'); from the same as [NT:104](#); properly, an age; by extension, perpetuity (also past); by implication, the world; specially (Jewish) a Messianic period (present or future):

KJV - age, course, eternal, (for) ever (-more), [n-] ever, (beginning of the while the world (began, without end). Compare [NT:5550](#).

Generations – [NT:1074](#) γενεά **genea** (ghen-eh-ah'); from (a presumed derivative of [NT:1085](#)); a generation; by implication, an age (the period or the persons):

KJV - age, generation, nation, time.

Manifest – [NT:5319](#) φανερώω **phaneroo** (fan-er-o'-o); from [NT:5318](#); to render apparent (literally or figuratively):

KJV - appear, manifestly declare, (make) manifest (forth), shew (self).

...from – [NT:5318](#) φανερός **phaneros** (fan-er-os'); from [NT:5316](#); shining, i.e. apparent (literally or figuratively); neuter (as adverb) publicly, externally:

KJV - abroad, + appear, known, manifest, open [+ly], outward ([+ly]).

Mark 4

²² For there is nothing hid, which shall not be **manifested**; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

Romans 16

²⁶ But now is made **manifest**, and by the **scriptures** of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, **made known** to all nations **for the obedience** of faith:

1 Corinthians 11

¹⁹ For there **must be also heresies among you**, that they which are **approved may be made manifest among you**.

1 John 3

⁸ He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this **purpose the Son of God was manifested**, that he might **destroy the works of the devil**.

1 John 4

⁹ In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

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Revelation

Colossians 1

²⁷ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the **hope of glory**:

Riches – [NT:4149](#) πλοῦτος **ploutos** (ploō'-tos); from the base of [NT:4130](#); wealth (as fulness), i.e. (literally) money, possessions, or (figuratively) abundance, richness, (specifically) valuable bestowment: **KJV** - riches.

Glory – [NT:1391](#) δόξα **doxa** (dox'-ah); from the base of [NT:1380](#); glory (as very apparent), in a wide application (literal or figurative, objective or subjective): **KJV** - dignity, glory (-ious), honour, praise, worship.

1 Timothy 3

16 And without controversy great is the **mystery** of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Ephesians 1:9

Having made known unto us the **mystery** of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

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Perfection

Colossians 1

²⁸ Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Warning – [NT:3560](#) νουθετέω **noutheteo** (noo-thet-eh'-o); from the same as [NT:3559](#); to put in mind, i.e. (by implication) to caution or **reprove gently [criticize, scold, admonish, tell off]**: **KJV** - admonish, warn.

...from – [NT:3559](#) νουθεσία **nouthesia** (noo-thes-ee'-ah); from [NT:3563](#) and a derivative of [NT:5087](#); calling attention to, i.e. (by implication) mild rebuke or warning: **KJV** - admonition.

Psalm 141

⁵ Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him **reprove** me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.

Proverbs 9

⁸ **Reprove** not a scorner, lest he hate thee: **rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.**

Proverbs 29

¹ He, that being often **reproved** hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Teaching – [NT:1321](#) διδάσκω **didasko** (did-as'-ko); a prolonged (causative) form of a primary verb dao (to learn); to teach (in the same broad application): **KJV** - teach.

Present – [NT:3936](#) παρίστημι **paristemi** (par-is'-tay-mee); or **prolonged paristano** (par-is-tan'-o); from [NT:3844](#) and [NT:2476](#); to stand beside, i.e. (transitively) to exhibit, proffer, (specifically) recommend, (figuratively) substantiate; or (intransitively) to be at hand (or ready), aid: **KJV** - assist, bring before, command, commend, give presently, present, prove, provide, shew, stand (before, by, here, up, with), yield.

Perfect – [NT:5046](#) τέλειος **teleios** (tel'-i-os); from [NT:5056](#); complete (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); neuter (as noun, with [NT:3588](#)) completeness: **KJV** - of full age, man, perfect.
...[mature]

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Operation

Colossians 1

²⁹ Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Labour – [NT:2872](#) κοπιᾶω **kopiaō** (kop-ee-ah'-o); from a derivative of [NT:2873](#); to feel fatigue; by implication, to work hard: **KJV** - (bestow) labour, toil, be wearied.

Striving – [NT:75](#) ἀγωνίζομαι **agonizomai** (ag-o-nid'-zom-ahee); from [NT:73](#); to struggle, literally (to compete for a prize), figuratively (to contend with an adversary), or genitive case (to endeavor to accomplish something):

KJV - fight, labor fervently, strive.

Working – [NT:1753](#) ἐνέργεια **energeia** (en-erg'-i-ah); from [NT:1756](#); efficiency ("energy"): **KJV** - operation, strong, (effectual) working.

...from – [NT:1756](#) ἐνεργής **energes** (en-er-gace'); from [NT:1722](#) and [NT:2041](#); active, operative: **KJV** - effectual, powerful.

1 Corinthians 3

⁹ For we are **labourers together with God**: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

Matthew 5

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good **works**, and glorify your **Father** which is in heaven.

John 14

¹⁰ Believest thou not that I am in the **Father**, and the **Father** in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but **the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.**

2 Corinthians 6

³ Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

⁴ But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

⁵ In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

⁶ By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

⁷ By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

⁸ By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

⁹ As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

¹⁰ As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

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Colossians 2

¹ For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

² That their hearts might be comforted, being **knit together in love**, and unto all riches of the **full assurance of understanding**, to the **acknowledgement of the mystery of God**, and of the Father, and of Christ;

³ In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

ENTICING WORDS

Colossians 2

⁴ And this I say, lest any man should **beguile you with enticing words**.

Beguile – [NT:3884](#) παραλογίζομαι **paralogizomai** (par-al-og-id'-zom-a-hee); from [NT:3844](#) and [NT:3049](#); to misreckon, i.e. delude: **KJV** - beguile, deceive.

Enticing words – [NT:4086](#) πιθανολογία **pithanologia** (pith-an-ol-og-ee'-ah); from a compound of a derivative of [NT:3982](#) and [NT:3056](#); persuasive language: **KJV** - enticing words.

Proverbs 1

¹⁰ My son, if **sinnners entice** thee, consent thou not.

¹¹ If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

¹² Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:

¹³ We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

Ephesians 4

¹⁴ That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby **they lie in wait to deceive**;

Romans 16

¹⁷ Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine** which ye have learned; and **avoid them**.

¹⁸ For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and **by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple**.

James 1

¹³ Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

¹⁴ But **every man is tempted**, when he is **drawn away of his own lust**, and **enticed**.

Enticed – [NT:1185](#) δελεάζω **deleazo** (del-eh-ad'-zo); from the base of [NT:1388](#); to entrap, i.e. (figuratively) delude: **KJV** - allure, beguile, entice.

¹⁵ Then when **lust hath conceived**, it **bringeth forth sin**: and sin, when it is finished, **bringeth forth death**.

Psalm 81

¹² So I **gave them up** unto their own hearts' **lust**: and they walked in their own counsels.

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ENTICING WORDS (cont)

Colossians 2 (cont)

⁴ And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

Titus 2

¹² Teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts**, we should live soberly, **righteously**, and **godly**, in this present world;

Soberly – NT:4996 σωφρόνως sophronos (so-fron'-oce); adverb from NT:4998; with sound mind, i.e. moderately: *KJV* - **soberly**.

Romans 8 ...Persuasion

³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Titus 3

10 A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition **reject [shun]**;

Heretick – NT:141 αίρετικός **hairetikos** (hahee-ret-ee-kos'); from the same as NT:140; a schismatic: *KJV* - heretic [the Greek word itself].

...from – NT:140 αίρετίζω **hairetizo** (hahee-ret-id'-zo); from a derivative of NT:138; to make a choice: *KJV* - choose.

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PHILOSOPHY

Colossians 2

⁸ **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.

Beware – [NT:991](#) βλέπω **blepo** (blep'-o); a primary verb; to look at (literally or figuratively):

KJV - behold, beware, lie, look (on, to), perceive, regard, see, sight, take heed. Compare [NT:3700](#).

Spoil – [NT:4812](#) συλαγωγέω **sulagogo** (soo-lag-ogue-eh'-o); from the base of [NT:4813](#) and (the reduplicated form of) [NT:71](#); to lead away as booty, i.e. (figuratively) seduce: **KJV** - spoil.

Philosophy – [NT:5385](#) φιλοσοφία **philosophia** (fil-os-of-ee'-ah); from [NT:5386](#); "philosophy", i.e. (specifically) Jewish sophistry: **KJV** - philosophy.

...from – [NT:5386](#) φιλόσοφος **philosophos** (fil-os'-of-os); from [NT:5384](#) and [NT:4680](#); fond of wise things, i.e. a "philosopher" **KJV** - philosopher.

Acts 17

¹⁷ Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

¹⁸ Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

¹⁹ And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this **new doctrine**, whereof thou speakest, is?

²⁰ For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

²¹ (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

²² Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

²³ For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, **TO THE UNKNOWN GOD**. Whom therefore ye **ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.**

²⁴ **God that made the world and all things therein**, seeing that he is **Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;**

²⁵ **Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing**, seeing **He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;**

Ephesians 5

⁵ For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

⁶ **Let no man deceive you with vain words:** for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

⁷ Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

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PHILOSOPHY (cont)

Colossians 2 (cont)

⁸ **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.

1 Timothy 6

20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and **vain babblings**, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

2 Timothy 2

16 But shun profane and **vain babblings**: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

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DECEPTION

Colossians 2

⁸ 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.

Vain – [NT:2756](#) κενός **kenos** (ken-os'); apparently a primary word; empty (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - empty, (in) vain.

Deceit – [NT:539](#) ἀπάτη **apate** (ap-at'-ay); from [NT:538](#); delusion:

KJV - deceit (-ful, -fulness), deceivableness (-ving).

...from – [NT:538](#) ἀπατάω **apatao** (ap-at-ah'-o); of uncertain derivation; to cheat, i.e. delude: **KJV** - deceive.

Deception of Saints

2 Thessalonians 2 ...compare with unrighteous

³ **Let no man deceive you by any means**: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

1 John 3 ...compare with righteous

⁷ Little children, **let no man deceive you**: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

Matthew 24 ...compared w

³ And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.**

⁵ For **many shall come in my name**, saying, I am Christ; and **shall deceive many.**

Mark 13

6 For **many shall come** in my name, saying, I am Christ; and **shall deceive many.**

Luke 21

8 And he said, **Take heed that ye be not deceived**: for **many shall come** in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

Matthew 24

¹¹ And many **false prophets** shall rise, and **shall deceive many.**

Matthew 24

²⁴ For there shall arise **false Christs**, and **false prophets**, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, **if it were possible**, they shall **deceive the very elect.**

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DECEPTION (cont)

Colossians 2 (cont)

⁸ 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.

Mark 13

22 For **false Christs** and **false prophets shall rise**, and shall shew signs and wonders, **to seduce, if it were possible**, even the elect.

Deception of Wicked

2 Timothy 3

¹² Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

¹³ But **evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.**

Deception of Yourself

1 Corinthians 3

¹⁸ **Let no man deceive himself.** If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

James 1

²² But be ye **doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.**

1 John 1

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, **we deceive ourselves**, and the truth is not in us.

Galatians 6

³ For if a man **think himself to be something**, when he is nothing, he **deceiveth himself.**

1 Corinthians 15

³³ **Be not deceived:** evil communications corrupt good manners.

³⁴ **Awake to righteousness**, and sin not; for **some have not the knowledge of God:** I speak this to your shame.

Romans 3

¹⁰ As it is written, There is **none righteous**, no, not one:

¹¹ There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

¹² They are all **gone out of the way**, they are together become **unprofitable**; there is **none that doeth good**, no, not one.

¹³ **Their throat is an open sepulchre**; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

¹⁴ Whose **mouth is full of cursing and bitterness**:

¹⁵ Their **feet are swift to shed blood**:

¹⁶ **Destruction and misery** are in their ways:

¹⁷ And the **way of peace have they not known**:

¹⁸ There is **no fear of God** before their eyes.

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TRADITION

Colossians 2

⁸ 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.

Tradition – [NT:3862](#) παράδοσις **paradosis** (par-ad'-os-is); from [NT:3860](#); transmission, i.e. (concretely) a precept; specifically, the Jewish traditionary law:
KJV - ordinance, tradition.

Mark 4

¹⁸ And these are they which are **sown among thorns**; such as hear the word,

¹⁹ And the **cares of this world**, and the **deceitfulness of riches**, and the lusts of other things entering in, **choke the word**, and it becometh **unfruitful**.

Psalm 37

¹⁶ A little that a righteous man hath is **better than the riches** of many wicked.

Psalm 49

⁶ They that **trust in their wealth**, and **boast themselves** in the **multitude of their riches**;

1 Peter 1

¹⁷ And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

¹⁸ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

2 Thessalonians 2 ...tradition of God

¹⁵ Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the **traditions** which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

2 Peter 2 ..the wicked

¹⁰ But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

¹¹ Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

¹² But these, as **natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed**, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly **perish in their own corruption**;

¹³ And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own **deceivings while they feast with you**;

¹⁴ Having eyes full of adultery, and that **cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls**: an heart they have exercised with **covetous practices**; **cursed children**:

¹⁵ Which have **forsaken** the right way, and are **gone astray, following the way of Balaam** the son of Bosor, who **loved the wages of unrighteousness**;

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RUDIMENTS

Colossians 2

⁸ Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the **rudiments [fundamentals] of the world**, and not after Christ.

Rudiments – [NT:4747](#) ΣΤΟΙΧΕΪΟΝ **stoicheion** (stoy-khi'-on); neuter of a presumed derivative of the base of [NT:4748](#); something orderly in arrangement, i.e. (by implication) a serial (basal, fundamental, initial) constituent (literally), proposition (figuratively): **KJV** - element, principle, rudiment.

...from – [NT:4748](#) ΣΤΟΙΧΕΪΩ **stoicheo** (stoy-kheh'-o); from a derivative of steicho (to range in regular line); to march in (military) rank (keep step), i.e. (figuratively) to conform to virtue and piety: **KJV** - walk (orderly).

Galatians 4

¹ Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

² But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

³ Even so we, when we were children, **were in bondage under the elements of the world**:

Elements – [NT:4747](#) ΣΤΟΙΧΕΪΟΝ **stoicheion** (stoy-khi'-on); neuter of a presumed derivative of the base of [NT:4748](#); something orderly in arrangement, i.e. (by implication) a serial (basal, fundamental, initial) constituent (literally), proposition (figuratively): **KJV** - element, principle, rudiment.

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KJV - walk (orderly).

Galatians 4

9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and **beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?**

Hebrews 5

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first **principles** of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Hebrews 6

1 Therefore leaving the **principles** of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

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JUDGMENTALISM

Colossians 2

¹⁶ **Let no man therefore judge you** in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

¹⁷ Which are a shadow of things to come; but **the body is of Christ.**

Matthew 7

¹ **Judge not, that ye be not judged.**

² For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

³ And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

⁴ Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

⁵ Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

⁶ Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

1 Corinthians 4

⁴ For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but **he that judgeth me is the Lord.**

Galatians 6

¹ Brethren, if a man be **overtaken in a fault**, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Fault – [NT:3900](#) παράπτωμα **paraptoma** (par-ap'-to-mah); from [NT:3895](#); a side-slip (lapse or deviation), i.e. (unintentional) error or (wilful) transgression: **KJV** - fall, fault, offence, sin, trespass.

Restore – [NT:2675](#) καταρτίζω **katartizo** (kat-ar-tid'-zo); from [NT:2596](#) and a derivative of [NT:739](#); to complete thoroughly, i.e. repair (literally or figuratively) or adjust:

KJV - fit, frame, mend, (make) perfect (-ly join together), prepare, restore.

1 Peter 2

23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened **not**; but **committed [intrust, surrender] Himself to Him that judgeth righteously**:

2 Timothy 3 ...correction is scriptural

¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

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HUMANISM

Colossians 2

¹⁸ **Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility** and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

1 Corinthians 3

²⁰ And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

²¹ Therefore **let no man glory in men**. For all things are your's;

²² Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are your's;

Proverbs 22 ...Godly humility

4 By **humility** and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

Colossians 2

²³ Which things have indeed a **shew of wisdom** in will worship, and **humility**, and **neglecting of the body**: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

1 Peter 5

⁵ Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and **be clothed with humility**: for **God resisteth the proud**, and giveth grace to the humble.

Colossians 3

¹² Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, **humbleness of mind**, meekness, longsuffering;

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SPIRITUALISM

Colossians 2

¹⁸ Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and **worshipping of angels**, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

2 Corinthians 11

¹² But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

¹³ For such are **false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.**

¹⁴ And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

Psalm 63

¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that **speak lies** shall be stopped.

Hebrews 1

6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the **angels** of God **worship** him.

Revelation 7

¹⁰ And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

¹¹ And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

¹² Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

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Romans 1:11

...spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

1 Corinthians 14:1

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather **that ye may prophesy**.

Romans 7:14

...the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Romans 8:6

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 15:27

made partakers of their spiritual things

1 Corinthians 2:13

...We speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are **spiritually discerned**.

1 Corinthians 2:15

But he that is **spiritual judgeth all things**, yet he **himself is judged of no man**.

1 Corinthians 10:3

...eat the same spiritual meat;

1 Corinthians 10:4

...drink the same spiritual drink from that spiritual Rock ...and that Rock is Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:44

...looking for the hope of our spiritual body. ...there is a spiritual body.

Ephesians 1:3

...Blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Colossians 1:9

be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

1 Peter 2:5

Ye are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood
... to offer up spiritual sacrifices,
...acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 14:37

If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write

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unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

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2 Corinthians 4

¹ Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we **faint not**;

² But have **renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully**; but by **manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience** in the sight of God.

³ But if our gospel be hid, it is **hid to them that are lost**:

⁴ In whom the **god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light** of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, **should shine** unto them.

⁵ For we **preach** not ourselves, but **Christ Jesus the Lord**; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

⁶ For God, who commanded the **light to shine out of darkness**, hath shined in our hearts, to **give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.

...CONFLICT

Colossians 2

¹ For **I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you**, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

Conflict – NT:73 ἀγών **agon** (ag-one'); from NT:71; properly, a place of assembly (as if led), i.e. (by implication) a contest (held there); figuratively, an effort or anxiety:

KJV - conflict, contention, fight, race.

...TOGETHERNESS

Colossians 2

² That their hearts might be **comforted**, being **knit together in love**, and unto all riches of the **full assurance of understanding**, to the **acknowledgement of the mystery of God**, and of the Father, and of Christ;

³ In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

1 Corinthians 6 ...love of God for the saints

⁹ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived**: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹ And such were some of you: but **ye are washed**, but **ye are sanctified**, but **ye are justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Ephesians 4

¹⁵ But **speaking the truth in love**, may **grow up** into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

¹⁶ From whom the whole body **fitly joined together** and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the **edifying of itself in love**.

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...TOGETHERNESS (cont)

Colossians 2 (cont)

¹ For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

² That their hearts might be **comforted**, being **knit together in love**, and unto all riches of the **full assurance of understanding**, to the **acknowledgement of the mystery of God**, and of the Father, and of Christ;

³ In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Ephesians 2 ...closeness

²¹ In whom all the building **fitly framed together** groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: fitly framed together – [NT:4883](#) συναρμολογέω **sunarmologeō** (soon-ar-mol-og-eh'-o); from [NT:4862](#) and a derivative of a compound of [NT:719](#) and [NT:3004](#) (in its original sense of laying); to render close-jointed together, i.e. organize compactly: **KJV** - be fitly framed (joined) together.

Romans 12 ...sincereness

⁹ Let love be **without dissimulation**. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Without dissimulation – [NT:505](#) ἀνυπόκριτος **anupokritos** (an-oo-pok'-ree-tos); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of [NT:5271](#); undissembled, i.e. sincere: **KJV** - without dissimulation (hypocrisy), unfeigned. [not pretending]

¹⁰ **Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love**; in honour preferring one another;

1 Thessalonians 4 ...holiness - love

⁷ For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

⁸ He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

⁹ But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to **love one another**.

Hebrews 13 ...enduringness

¹ Let brotherly love continue [stay, remain, endure].

1 Peter 2 ...honorableness

¹⁷ Honour all men. **Love the brotherhood**. Fear God. Honour the king.

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...TOGETHERNESS (cont)

Colossians 2 (cont)

¹ For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

² That their hearts might be **comforted**, being **knit together in love**, and unto all riches of the **full assurance of understanding**, to the **acknowledgement of the mystery of God**, and of the Father, and of Christ;

³ In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

1 John 2 ...lightness

⁹ He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

¹⁰ **He that loveth his brother abideth in the light**, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

Stumbling – [NT:4625](#) σκάνδαλον **skandalon** (skan'-dal-on) ("scandal"); probably from a derivative of [NT:2578](#); a trap-stick (bent sapling), i.e. snare (figuratively, cause of displeasure or sin):

KJV - occasion to fall (of stumbling), offence, thing that offends, stumblingblock.

Meaning: He who loves his brother is unable to ensnare others or to be ensnared by others

¹¹ But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

1 John 3 ...righteousness

⁹ Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

¹⁰ In this the **children of God are manifest**, and the **children of the devil**: whosoever **doeth not righteousness is not of God**, neither he that **loveth not his brother**.

¹¹ For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that **we should love one another**.

1 John 3 ...unrighteousness

¹⁵ **Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer**: and ye know that no **murderer hath eternal life abiding in him**.

1 John 4 ...likeness

¹⁹ **We love him, because he first loved us**.

²⁰ If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

²¹ And this commandment have we from him, That **he who loveth God love his brother also**.

Colossians 2:1-23 - Living under the Influence

Part 2 – affected by the Word

...COMFORTABLENESS

Colossians 2

¹ For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

² That their hearts might be **comforted**, being **knit together in love**, and unto all riches of the **full assurance of understanding**, to the **acknowledgement of the mystery of God**, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Comforted – [NT:3870](#) παρακαλέω **parakaleo** (par-ak-al-eh'-o); from [NT:3844](#) and [NT:2564](#); to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation): **KJV** - beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort (-ation), intreat, pray.

³ In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Romans 1 ...comfortable with each other

¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

¹² That is, that I may be **comforted together with you** by the mutual faith both of you and me. Comforted together – [NT:4837](#) συμπαρακαλέω **sumparakaleo** (soom-par-ak-al-eh'-o); from [NT:4862](#) and [NT:3870](#); to console jointly: **KJV** - comfort together.

¹³ Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

Romans 15 ...comfortable with the scriptures

⁴ For whatsoever things were written aforetime were **written for our learning**, that we through patience and **comfort of the scriptures** might have **hope**.

Comfort – [NT:3874](#) παράκλησις **paraklesis** (par-ak'-lay-sis); from [NT:3870](#); imploration, exhortation, solace:

KJV - comfort, consolation, exhortation, entreaty.

Philippians 2 ...comfortable with God

¹ If there be therefore any **consolation** [comfort] in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

Comfort – [NT:3890](#) παραμύθιον **paramuthion** (par-am-oo'-thee-on); neuter of [NT:3889](#); consolation (properly, concretely): **KJV** - comfort.

Fellowship – [NT:2842](#) κοινωνία **koinonia** (koy-nohn-ee'-ah); from [NT:2844](#); partnership, i.e. (literally) participation, or (social) intercourse, or (pecuniary) benefaction:

KJV - (to) communicate (-ation), communion, (contri-) distribution, fellowship.

² Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

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...STEDFASTNESS

Colossians 2

⁵ For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

⁶ As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk ye in him**:

⁷ Rooted and **built up in him**, and **stablished in the faith**, as ye have been taught, **abounding therein with thanksgiving**.

Stablished – [NT:950](#) βεβαιόω **bebaioo** (beb-ah-yo'-o); from [NT:949](#); to stabilize (figuratively): **KJV** - confirm, (e-) stablish.

...from – [NT:949](#) βέβαιος **bebaios** (beb'-ah-yos); from the base of [NT:939](#) (through the idea of basality); stable (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - firm, of force, stedfast, sure.

Titus 1

⁹ **Holding fast the faithful word** as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to **exhort and to convince the gainsayers**.

Holding fast – [NT:472](#) ἀντέχομαι **antechomai** (an-tekh'-om-ahee); from [NT:473](#) and the middle voice of [NT:2192](#); to hold oneself opposite to, i.e. (by implication) adhere to; by extension to care for:

KJV - hold fast, hold to, support.

Gainsayers – [NT:483](#) ἀντίλεγω **antilego** (an-til'-eg-o); from [NT:473](#) and [NT:3004](#); to dispute, refuse:

KJV - answer again, contradict, deny, gainsay (-er), speak against.

¹⁰ For there are many **unruly and vain talkers and deceivers**, specially they of the circumcision:

¹¹ Whose **mouths must be stopped**, who **subvert whole houses**, **teaching things which they ought not**, for filthy lucre's sake.

2 John 1

⁶ And **this is love**, that we **walk after his commandments**. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should **walk in it**.

⁷ For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

⁸ Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

1 Corinthians 2...demonstrated in words

⁴ And my speech and my **preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom**, but in **demonstration [manifestation, exhibition] of the Spirit and of power**:

1 Corinthians 15 ...exhibited in works (actions, behavior, courage)

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be ye steadfast** [settled], **unmoveable** [unable to be removed], always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is **not in vain** in the Lord.

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...STEDFASTNESS (cont)

Colossians 2 (cont)

⁵ For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

⁶ As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk ye in him**:

⁷ Rooted and **built up in him**, and **stablished in the faith**, as ye have been taught, **abounding therein with thanksgiving**.

Hebrews 3 ...from beginning to end (no recesses, no abandonment, no hiatus, no excuses)

¹⁴ For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence **stedfast** unto the end;

Stedfast – [NT:949](#) βέβαιος **bebaios** (beb'-ah-yos); from the base of [NT:939](#) (through the idea of basality); **stable** (literally or figuratively):

KJV - firm, of force, stedfast, sure.

Hebrews 6 ...anchored in expectation, in optimism, belief

19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both **sure** and **stedfast**, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Sure – [NT:804](#) ἀσφαλής **asphales** (as-fal-ace'); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and sphallo (to "fail"); secure (literally or figuratively):

KJV - certain (-ty), safe, sure.

Stedfast – [NT:949](#) βέβαιος **bebaios** (beb'-ah-yos); from the base of [NT:939](#) (through the idea of basality); **stable** (literally or figuratively):

KJV - firm, of force, stedfast, sure.

2 Peter 3 ...graciousness, knowledge

¹⁶ As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things **hard to be understood**, which they that are **unlearned and unstable wrest**, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

¹⁷ Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, **beware** lest ye also, being **led away with the error of the wicked**, **fall from your own stedfastness**.

¹⁸ But **grow in grace**, and in the **knowledge** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Colossians 2:1-23 - Living under the Influence
Part 2 – affected by the Word

...COMPLETENESS

Colossians 2

⁹For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

¹⁰And ye are **complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power:

Complete – [NT:4137](#) πληρώω **pleroo** (play-ro'-o); from [NT:4134](#); to make replete, i.e. (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (figuratively) **to furnish** (or imbue [permeate], diffuse, influence), satisfy, execute (an office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.:

KJV - accomplish, ^xafter, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

Colossians 2 ...not without Christ

¹¹In whom also ye are **circumcised** with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

¹²**Buried with him** in baptism, wherein also ye are **risen with him** through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

¹³And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he **quicken together with him**, having forgiven you all trespasses;

2 Timothy 3 ...not without the Scriptures

¹⁶All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction** in righteousness:

¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, **thoroughly furnished** unto all good works.

Thoroughly furnished – [NT:1822](#) ἐξαρτίζω **exartizo** (ex-ar-tid'-zo); from [NT:1537](#) and a derivative of [NT:739](#); to finish out (time); figuratively, to equip fully (a teacher): **KJV** - accomplish, thoroughly furnish.

Ephesians 4 ...not without teachers

¹²For the **perfecting of the saints**, for the **work** of the ministry, for the **edifying** of the body of Christ:

Perfecting – [NT:2677](#) καταρτισμός **katartismos** (kat-ar-tis-mos'); from [NT:2675](#); complete furnishing (objectively): **KJV** - perfecting.

...from – [NT:2675](#) καταρτίζω **katartizo** (kat-ar-tid'-zo); from [NT:2596](#) and a derivative of [NT:739](#); to complete thoroughly, i.e. repair (literally or figuratively) or adjust:

KJV - fit, frame, mend, (make) perfect (-ly join together), prepare, restore.

...from – [NT:739](#) ἄρτιος **artios** (ar'-tee-os); from [NT:737](#); fresh, i.e. (by implication) complete: **KJV** - perfect.

¹³Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

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Part 2 – affected by the Word

...COMPLETENESS (*cont*)

Colossians 2 (*cont*)

⁹ For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

¹⁰ And ye are **complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power:

Complete – [NT:4137](#) πληρόω **pleroo** (play-ro'-o); from [NT:4134](#); to make replete, i.e. (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (figuratively) **to furnish** (or imbue [permeate], diffuse, influence), satisfy, execute (an office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.:

KJV - accomplish, ^x after, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

1 Peter 5 ...not without afflictions

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

⁹ Whom **resist steadfast in the faith, knowing** that the same **afflictions** are **accomplished** in your **brethren that are in the world**.

¹⁰ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Romans 8 ...not without fulfillment

⁴ That the righteousness of the law might be **fulfilled in us**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Fulfilled – [NT:4137](#) πληρόω **pleroo** (play-ro'-o); from [NT:4134](#); to make replete, i.e. (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (figuratively) to furnish (or imbue, diffuse, influence), satisfy, execute (an office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.:

KJV - accomplish, ^x after, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

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...FORGIVENESS

Colossians 2

¹⁴ Blotting out the **handwriting of ordinances that was against us**, which was contrary to us, and **took it out of the way**, nailing it to his cross;

Took – [NT:142](#) αἶρω **airo** (ah'-ee-ro); a primary root; to lift up; by implication, to take up or away; figuratively, to raise (the voice), keep in suspense (the mind), specially, to sail away (i.e. weigh anchor); by Hebraism [compare [OT:5375](#)] to expiate sin: **KJV** - away with, bear (up), carry, lift up, loose, make to doubt, put away, remove, take (away, up).

[OT:5375](#) נָשָׂא **nasa'** (naw-saw'); or **nacah** ([Ps 4:6](#) [[OT:7](#)]) (naw-saw'); a primitive root; to lift, in a great variety of applications, literal and figurative, absol. and rel. (as follows):

KJV - accept, advance, arise, (able to, [armor], suffer to) bear (-er, up), bring (forth), burn, carry (away), cast, contain, desire, ease, exact, exalt (self), extol, fetch, forgive, furnish, further, give, go on, help, high, hold up, honorable (+man), lade, lay, lift (self) up, lofty, marry, magnify, ^xneeds, obtain, pardon, raise (up), receive, regard, respect, set (up), spare, stir up, ⁺swear, take (away, up), ^xutterly, wear, yield.

¹⁵ And having **spoiled principalities and powers**, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

God's Forgiveness

Ephesians 1...His grace

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the **riches of his grace**;

Proverbs 11...His Righteousness

⁴ **Riches profit not** in the day of wrath: but **righteousness delivereth from death**.

Romans 11...His Judgment

³³ **O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!** how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

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Part 2 – affected by the Word

...SUBMISSIVENESS

Colossians 2

¹⁹ And **not holding the Head**, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and **knit together**, increaseth with the increase of God.

Holding – [NT:2902](#) κρατέω **krateo** (krat-eh'-o); from [NT:2904](#); to use strength, i.e. seize or retain (literally or figuratively):

KJV - hold (by, fast), keep, lay hand (hold) on, obtain, retain, take (by).

Head – [NT:2776](#) κεφαλή **kephale** (kef-al-ay'); from the primary kapto (in the sense of seizing); the head (as the part most readily taken hold of), literally or figuratively:

KJV - head.

Having nourishment ministered – [NT:2023](#) ἐπιχορηγέω **epichoregeo** (ep-ee-khor-ayg-eh'-o); from [NT:1909](#) and [NT:5524](#); to furnish besides, i.e. fully supply, (figuratively) aid or contribute: **KJV** - add, minister (nourishment, unto).

Knit together – [NT:4822](#) συμβιβάζω **sumbibazo** (soom-bib-ad'-zo); from [NT:4862](#) and bibazo (to force; causative [by reduplication] of the base of [NT:939](#)); to drive together, i.e. unite (in association or affection), (mentally) to infer, show, teach: **KJV** - compact, assuredly gather, intrust, knit together, prove.

James 4 ...Submit to God

⁷ **Submit** yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Submit – [NT:5293](#) ὑποτάσσω **hupotasso** (hoop-ot-as'-so); from [NT:5259](#) and [NT:5021](#); to subordinate; reflexively, to obey:

KJV - be under obedience (obedient), put under, subdue unto, (be, make) subject (to, unto), be (put) in subjection (to, under), submitself unto.

Ephesians 5

²¹ **Submitting** yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

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...ONENESS

Colossians 2

²⁰ Wherefore if ye be **dead with [in union with] Christ from the rudiments of the world**, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

Rudiments – [NT:4747](#) **στοιχείον stoicheion** (stoy-khi'-on); neuter of a presumed derivative of the base of [NT:4748](#); something orderly in arrangement, i.e. (by implication) a serial (basal, fundamental, initial) constituent (literally), proposition (figuratively): **KJV** - element, principle, rudiment.

...from – [NT:4748](#) **στοιχέω stoicheo** (stoy-kheh'-o); from a derivative of steicho (to range in regular line); to march in (military) rank (keep step), i.e. (figuratively) to conform to virtue and piety: **KJV** - walk (orderly).

Subject to ordinances – [NT:1379](#) **δογματίζω dogmatizo** (dog-mat-id'-zo); from [NT:1378](#); to prescribe by statute, i.e. (reflexively) to submit to ceremonially rule: **KJV** - be subject to ordinances.

...from – [NT:1378](#) **δόγμα dogma** (dog'-mah); from the base of [NT:1380](#); a law (civil, ceremonial or ecclesiastical): **KJV** - decree, ordinance.

Romans 12 ...members of Christ and one another

⁴ For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

⁵ **So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.**

⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

Galatians 3 ...we are all one

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for **ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**

John 17 ...we are as Christ is One with the Father

¹⁵ I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

¹⁷ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

¹⁸ As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

²⁰ Neither pray I **for these** alone, but **for them** also which shall believe on me through their word;

²¹ **That they all may be one**; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

²² And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; **that they may be one, even as we are one**:

²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

John 10

³⁰ I and my **Father are one.**

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...ONENESS

Colossians 2

²⁰ Wherefore if ye be dead with [in union with] Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

1 John 5

⁷ For there are three that bear record in heaven, **the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**

1 John 5

⁸ And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

Colossians 2 ...Conflict in the world

²¹ (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

²² Which all are to perish with the using;) after the **commandments and doctrines of men?**

²³ Which things have indeed a **shew of wisdom** in [man's] **will worship**, and [insincere] **humility**, and **neglecting of the body [of Christ]**: not in any honour [dishonorably] to the satisfying of the flesh. Perish – [NT:5356](#) φθορά **phthora** (fthor-ah'); from [NT:5351](#); decay, i.e. ruin (spontaneous or inflicted, literally or figuratively): **KJV** - corruption, destroy, perish. [NT:1778](#) ἔνταλμα **entalma** (en'-tal-mah); from [NT:1781](#); an injunction, i.e. religious precept: **KJV** - commandment.

Conflict of Paul according to godliness not ungodliness

Togetherness
Comfortableness
Stedfastness
Completeness
Forgiveness
Submissiveness
Oneness

Loneliness
Comfortless
Wavering
Unfurnished
Unforgiving
Dishonorable
Without Unity

Psalm 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in **unity!**

...with God and with each other

Colossians 3 - Greatest Things Above All

Colossians 3

¹ If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Matthew 6

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and **all these things** shall be added unto you.

² Set your **affection on things above**, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 3

⁵ Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, **inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness**, which is **idolatry**:

⁶ For which things' sake the **wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience**:

⁷ In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

THE LORD GOD

Psalm 73

²⁵ **Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.**

THE THRONE

Psalm 11

⁴ The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's **throne is in heaven**: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

Revelation 4

² And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a **throne was set in heaven**, and **one sat on the throne**.

³ And he that sat was to look upon like a **jasper and a sardine stone**: and there was a **rainbow round about the throne**, in sight like unto an emerald.

⁴ And round about the throne were **four and twenty seats**: and upon the seats I saw **four and twenty elders sitting**, clothed in **white raiment**; and they had on their **heads crowns of gold**.

⁵ And out of the throne proceeded **lightnings and thunderings and voices**: and there were **seven lamps of fire burning before the throne**, which are the seven Spirits of God.

⁶ And **before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal**: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were **four beasts full of eyes before and behind**.

⁷ And the first beast was like a **lion**, and the second beast like a **calf**, and the third beast had a face as a **man**, and the fourth beast was like a flying **eagle**.

⁸ And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

⁹ And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

¹⁰ The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and **for thy pleasure they are and were created**.

Colossians 3 - Greatest Things Above All

THE THRONE (CONT)

Revelation 5

¹And I saw in the **right hand of him** that sat on the throne **a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.**

²And I saw a **strong angel** proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

³And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

⁴And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

⁵And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

⁶And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a **Lamb** as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

⁷And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

⁸And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders **fell down before the Lamb**, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

⁹And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

¹⁰And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

¹¹And I beheld, and I heard the voice of **many angels** round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was **ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;**

¹²Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

¹³And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, **Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power,** be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

¹⁴And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

THE WORD

Colossians 3

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3

¹⁷And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Psalm 119

⁸⁹For ever, O LORD, thy **word is settled in heaven.**

Colossians 3 - Greatest Things Above All

PEACE AND GLORY

Colossians 3

⁴When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Luke 19

³⁸ Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: **peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.**

WITNESS

Job 16

¹⁹ Also now, behold, my **witness is in heaven**, and my record is on high.

1 John 5

⁷ For there are **three that bear record in heaven**, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

ANGELS

Matthew 22

³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the **angels of God in heaven.**

NAMES

Luke 10

²⁰ Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your **names** are written in **heaven.**

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FAMILY

Colossians 3

¹¹ Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

Colossians 3

¹² Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Colossians 3

¹³ Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Colossians 3

¹⁴ And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Colossians 3

¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Ephesians 3

¹⁴ For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁵ Of whom the **whole family in heaven and earth is named,**

Matthew 8

¹¹ And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with **Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.**

Luke 13

²⁸ There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see **Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God,** and you yourselves thrust out.

Colossians 3

¹⁸ Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

²¹ Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

²² Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God;

Colossians 3 - Greatest Things Above All

TREASURES

Colossians 3

²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Matthew 6

¹⁹ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

²⁰ But lay up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

²¹ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

1 Peter 1 ...inheritance

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ To an **inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,**

⁵ Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Proverbs 8 ...filled up

²⁰ I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:

²¹ That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and **I will fill their treasures.**

²² The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

Hebrews 10 ...substantial

³⁴ For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have **in heaven a better and an enduring substance.**

Colossians 3 ...not so for the wicked

²⁵ But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

Matthew 6 ...heart

¹⁹ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

²⁰ But **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

²¹ For **where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

Colossians 3 ...evidence of the location of your heart is in doing

²³ And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

Matthew 12

35 A good man out of the **good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things**: and an evil man out of the evil **treasure** bringeth forth evil things.

Colossians 3 - Greatest Things Above All

HOPE

Colossians 1

5 For the **hope which is laid up for you in heaven**, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

LOVE

1 Corinthians 13 ...God is love

¹³ **And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.**

CONVERSATIONS

Colossians 3

⁸ But now ye also **put off all these**; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

⁹ Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

¹⁰ And have put on the new man, which is **renewed in knowledge** after the image of him that created him:

Philippians 3

²⁰ For our **conversation is in heaven**; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Revelation 8 ...prayers

³ And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the **prayers of all saints** upon the golden altar which was **before the throne**.

⁴ And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

Isaiah 33 ...fear

⁵ The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

⁶ And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

⁷ Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.

Colossians 3 - Greatest Things Above All

GOOD AND PERFECT

James 1

¹⁷ Every **good gift and every perfect gift is from above**, and cometh down **from the Father** of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

James 3 ...Wisdom

¹⁷ But the wisdom that is **from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Ephesians 3

⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

⁹ And to make all men see what is the **fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the world hath been **hid in God**, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

¹⁰ To the intent that now unto the **principalities and powers in heavenly places** might be **known by the church the manifold wisdom of God**,

¹¹ According to the **eternal purpose** which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

1 Timothy 4 ...Meditate

¹⁴ **Neglect not the gift** that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

¹⁵ **Meditate upon these things**; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

¹⁶ Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

Psalm 63

⁶ When I remember thee upon my bed, and **meditate** on thee in the night watches.

LIFE

Colossians 3

³ For ye are dead, and **your life is hid with Christ in God**.

Colossians 3 - Greatest Things Above All

A NEW DWELLING PLACE

Revelation 3 ...God Said

¹² Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is **new Jerusalem**, which cometh **down out of heaven** from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Revelation 21 ...John witnessed

¹ And I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**: for the **first heaven and the first earth were passed away**; and there was **no more sea**.

² And I John saw the holy city, **new Jerusalem**, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a **bride adorned for her husband**.

Isaiah 65 ...A new creation

¹⁷ For, behold, I **create new heavens and a new earth**: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Isaiah 66 ...eternal

²² For as the **new heavens** and the **new earth**, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

2 Peter 3 ...with promise

¹³ Nevertheless we, according to his **promise**, look for **new heavens and a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

FINALITY

Psalm 27

4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I **seek after**; that I may **dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life**, to **behold the beauty of the LORD**, and to **enquire in his temple**.

Proverbs 1

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the **knowledge of the holy is understanding**.

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Colossians 4 ...Says Paul...

¹ Masters, give unto your servants that which is just [innocent, holy] and equal [likeness, equity, impartiality (without prejudice)]; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

Prayer

Colossians 4

² Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

Continue – [NT:4342](#) προσκαρτερέω **proskartereo** (pros-kar-ter-eh'-o); from [NT:4314](#) and [NT:2594](#); to be earnest towards, i.e. (to a thing) to persevere, be constantly diligent, or (in a place) to attend assiduously all the exercises, or (to a person) to adhere closely to (as a servitor):

KJV - attend (giveself) continually (upon), continue (in, instant in, with), wait on (continually).

Watch – [NT:1127](#) γρηγορεύω **gregoreuo** (gray-gor-yoo'-o); from [NT:1453](#); to keep awake, i.e. watch (literally or figuratively):

KJV - be vigilant, wake, (be) watch (-ful).

³ Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

Withal – [NT:260](#) ἅμα **hama** (ham'-ah); a primary particle; properly, at the "same" time, but freely used as a preposition or adverb denoting close association:

KJV - also, and, together, with (-al).

Praying – [NT:4336](#) προσεύχομαι **proseuchomai** (pros-yoo'-khom-ahee); from [NT:4314](#) and [NT:2172](#); to pray to God, i.e. supplicate, worship:

KJV - pray (X earnestly, for), make prayer.

Door – [NT:2374](#) θύρα **thura** (thoo'-rah); apparently a primary word [compare "door"]; a portal or entrance (the opening or the closure, literally or figuratively):

KJV - door, gate.

Utterance – [T:3056](#) λόγος **logos** (log'-os); from [NT:3004](#); something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specifically (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):

KJV - account, cause, communication, X concerning, doctrine, fame, X have to do, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, + reckon, remove, say (-ing), shew, X speaker, speech, talk, thing, + none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work.

Speak – [NT:2980](#) λαλέω **laleo** (lal-eh'-o); a prolonged form of an otherwise obsolete verb; to talk, i.e. utter words:

KJV - preach, say, speak (after), talk, tell, utter. Compare [NT:3004](#).

Mystery – [NT:3466](#) μυστήριον **musterion** (moos-tay'-ree-on); from a derivative of muo (to shut the mouth); a secret or "mystery" (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites):

KJV - mystery.

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Prayer (cont)

Colossians 4

³ Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

Bonds – [NT:1210](#) δέω **deo** (deh'-o); a primary verb; to bind (in various applications, literally or figuratively): **KJV** - bind, be in bonds, knit, tie, wind.

Ephesians 6

¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

always – [NT:3956](#) πᾶς **pas** (pas); including all the forms of declension; apparently a primary word; all, any, every, the whole:

supplication – [NT:1162](#) δέησις **deesis** (deh'-ay-sis); from [NT:1189](#); a petition:

KJV - prayer, request, supplication.

...from – [NT:1189](#) δέομαι **deomai** (deh'-om-ahee); middle voice of [NT:1210](#); to beg (as binding oneself), i.e. petition: **KJV** - beseech, pray (to), make request.

¹⁹ And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Utterance – [NT:3056](#) λόγος **logos** (log'-os); from [NT:3004](#); something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specifically (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):

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Boldly – [NT:3954](#) παρρησία **parrhesia** (par-rhay-see'-ah); from [NT:3956](#) and a derivative of [NT:4483](#); all out-spokenness, i.e. frankness, bluntness, publicity; by implication, assurance:

KJV - bold (X -ly, -ness, -ness of speech), confidence, ^x freely, ^x openly, ^x plainly (-ness).

²⁰ For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ambassador – [NT:4243](#) πρεσβεύω **presbeuo** (pres-byoo'-o); from the base of [NT:4245](#); to be a senior, i.e. (by implication) act as a representative (figuratively, preacher): **KJV** - be an ambassador.

Bonds – [NT:254](#) ἄλυσις **halusis** (hal'-oo-sis); of uncertain derivation; a fetter or manacle: **KJV** - bonds, chain.

Boldly – [NT:3955](#) παρρησιάζομαι **parrhesiazomai** (par-hray-see-ad'-zom-ahee); middle voice from [NT:3954](#); to be frank in utterance, or confident in spirit and demeanor: **KJV** - be (wax) bold, (preach, speak) boldly.

Ought – [NT:1163](#) δεῖ **dei** (die); third person singular active present of [NT:1210](#); also **deon** (deh-on'); neuter active participle of the same; both used impersonally; it is (was, etc.) necessary (as binding):

KJV - behoved, be meet, must (needs), (be) need (-ful), ought, should.

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Colossians 4

Personification

Colossians 4

⁴ That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

Manifest – [NT:5319](#) φανερώ **phaneroo** (fan-er-o'-o); from [NT:5318](#); to render apparent (lit or fig): **KJV** - appear, manifestly declare, (make) manifest (forth), shew (self). \

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1 Corinthians 12

⁷ But the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given to every man to profit *withal*.

Profit – [NT:4851](#) συμφέρω **sumphero** (soom-fer'-o); from [NT:4862](#) and [NT:5342](#) (including its alternate); to bear together (contribute), i.e. (literally) to collect, or (figuratively) to conduce; especially (neuter participle as a noun) advantage: **KJV** - be better for, bring together, be expedient (for), be good, (be) profit (-able for).

2 Corinthians 4

² But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by **manifestation** of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Galatians 5

¹⁸ But if ye be **led of the Spirit**, ye are not under the law.

¹⁹ Now the **works of the flesh are manifest**, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Promenade

Colossians 4

⁵ Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

Walk – [NT:4043](#) περιπατέω **peripateo** (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from [NT:4012](#) and [NT:3961](#); to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, transport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary):

KJV - go, be occupied with, walk (about).

Wisdom – [NT:4678](#) σοφία **sophia** (sof-ee'-ah); from [NT:4680](#); wisdom (higher or lower, worldly or spiritual): **KJV** - wisdom.

Without – [NT:1854](#) ἔξω **exo** (ex'-o); adverb from [NT:1537](#); out (-side, of doors), literally or figuratively: **KJV** - away, forth, (with-) out (of, -ward), strange.

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Promenade (cont)

Colossians 4

⁵ **Walk** in **wisdom** toward them that are **without**, **redeeming** the **time**.

Redeeming – [NT:1805](#) ἐξαγοράζω **exagorazo** (ex-ag-or-ad'-zo); from [NT:1537](#) and [NT:59](#); to buy up, i.e. ransom; figuratively, to rescue from loss (improve opportunity):

KJV - redeem.

Time – [NT:2540](#) καιρός **kairos** (kahee-ros'); of uncertain affinity; an occasion, i.e. set or proper time:

KJV - ^x always, opportunity, (convenient, due) season, (due, short, while) time, a while. Compare [NT:5550](#).

Ephesians 5

¹⁶ **Redeeming** the time, because the days are evil.

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Peaceably

Colossians 4

⁶ Let your **speech** be **always** with **grace**, **seasoned** with **salt**, that ye may **know** how ye ought [necessarily] to **answer** every man.

Speech – [NT:3056](#) λόγος **logos** (log'-os); from [NT:3004](#); something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specifically (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):

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Always – [NT:3842](#) πάντοτε **pantote** (pan'-tot-eh); from [NT:3956](#) and [NT:3753](#); every when, i.e. at all times: **KJV** - alway (-s), ever (-more).

Grace – [NT:5485](#) χάρις **charis** (khar'-ece); from [NT:5463](#); graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude):

KJV - acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy).

Seasoned – [NT:741](#) ἀρτύω **artuo** (ar-too'-o); from a presumed derivative of [NT:142](#); to prepare, i.e. spice (with stimulating condiments): **KJV** - season.

Salt – [NT:217](#) ἅλας **halas** (hal'-as); from [NT:251](#); salt; figuratively, prudence, forethought, discretion, caution, carefulness, good sense: **KJV** - salt.

Know – [NT:1492](#) εἶδω **eidō** (i'-do); a primary verb; used only in certain past tenses, the others being borrowed from the equivalent [NT:3700](#) and [NT:3708](#); properly, to see (literally or figuratively); by implication (in the perf. only) to know:

KJV - be aware, behold, ^x can (+not tell), consider, (have) know (-ledge), look (on), perceive, see, be sure, tell, understand, wish, wot. Compare [NT:3700](#).

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Peaceably (cont)

Colossians 4

⁶ Let your **speech** be always with grace, **seasoned** with salt, that ye may **know** how ye ought [necessarily] to answer every man.

Answer – [NT:611](#) ἀποκρίνομαι **apokrinomai** (ap-ok-ree'-nom-ahee); from [NT:575](#) and krino; to conclude for oneself, i.e. (by implication) to respond; by Hebraism [compare [OT:6030](#)] to begin to speak (where an address is expected): **KJV** - answer.

Pacify

Colossians 4

⁷ **All my state** shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:

State – [NT:2596](#) κατά **kata** (kat-ah'); a primary particle; (prepositionally) down (in place or time), in varied relations (according to the case [genitive case, dative case or accusative case] with which it is joined):

KJV - about, according as (to), after, against, (when they were) ^x alone, among, and, ^x apart, (even, like) as (concerning, pertaining to touching), ^x aside, at, before, beyond, by, to the charge of, [charita-] bly, concerning, ⁺ covered, [daily-], down, every, (⁺far more) exceeding, ^x more excellent, for, from ... to, godly, in (-asmuch, divers, every, -to, respect of), ... by, after the manner of, ⁺ by any means, beyond (out of) measure, ^x mightily, more, ^x natural, of (up-) on (X part), out (of every), over against, (⁺your) ^x own, ⁺ particularly, so, through (-oughout, -oughout every), thus, (un-) to (-gether, -ward), ^x uttermost, where (-by), with. In composition it retains many of these applications, and frequently denotes opposition, distribution, or intensity.

Faithful – [NT:4103](#) πιστός **pistos** (pis-tos'); from [NT:3982](#); objectively, trustworthy; subjectively, trustful: **KJV** - believe (-ing, -r), faithful (-ly), sure, true.

Fellowservant – [NT:4889](#) σύνδουλος **sundoulos** (soon'-doo-los); from [NT:4862](#) and [NT:1401](#); a co-slave, i.e. servitor or ministrant of the same master (human or divine): **KJV** - fellowservant.

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Purposeful

Colossians 4

⁸ Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;

Purpose – [NT:5124](#) τοῦτο **touto** (too'-to); neuter singular nominative or accusative case of [NT:3778](#); that thing:

KJV - here [-unto], it, partlyself, [-same], so, that (intent), the same, there [-fore, -unto], this, thus, where [-fore].

Estate – [NT:4012](#) περί **peri** (per-ee'); from the base of [NT:4008](#); properly, through (all over), i.e. around; figuratively with respect to; used in various applications, of place, cause or time (with the genitive case denoting the subject or occasion or superlative point; with the accusative case the locality, circuit, matter, circumstance or general period):

KJV - (there-) about, above, against, at, on behalf of, ^x and his company, which concern, (as) concerning, for, ^x how it will go with, ([there-, where-]) of, on, over, pertaining (to), for sake, ^x (e-) state, (as) touching, [where-] by (in), with. In comparative, it retains substantially the same meaning of circuit (around), excess (beyond), or completeness (through).

Comfort – [NT:3870](#) παρακαλέω **parakaleo** (par-ak-al-eh'-o); from [NT:3844](#) and [NT:2564](#); to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation): **KJV** - beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort (-ation), intreat, pray.

Participant

Colossians 4

⁹ With Onesimus, a faithful and **beloved brother**, who is **one of you**. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.

Onesimus – [NT:3682](#) Ὀνήσιμος **Onesimos** (on-ay'-sim-os); from [NT:3685](#); profitable; Onesimus, a Christian: **KJV** - Onesimus.

Philippians 1

⁷ Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my **bonds**, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are **partakers** of my grace.

Prisoner

Colossians 4

¹⁰ Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

Fellowprisoner – [NT:4869](#) συναιχμάλωτος **sunaiichmalotos** (soon-aheekh-mal'-o-tos); from [NT:4862](#) and [NT:164](#); a cocaptive: **KJV** - fellowprisoner.

Receive – [NT:1209](#) δέχομαι **dechomai** (dekh'-om-ahee); middle voice of a primary verb; to receive (in various applications, literally or figuratively):

KJV - accept, receive, take. Compare [NT:2983](#).

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Patron

Colossians 4

¹¹ And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

Fellowworkers – [NT:4904](#) συνεργός **sunergos** (soon-er-gos'); from a presumed compound of [NT:4862](#) and the base of [NT:2041](#); a co-laborer, i.e. coadjutor:

KJV - companion in labour, (fellow-) helper (-labourer, -worker), labourer together with, workfellow.

Comfort – [NT:3931](#) παρηγορία **paregoria** (par-ay-gor-ee'-ah); from a compound of [NT:3844](#) and a derivative of [NT:58](#) (meaning to harangue an assembly); an address alongside, i.e. (specifically) consolation: **KJV** - comfort.

Perfect

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¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

Servant – [NT:1401](#) δοῦλος **doulos** (doo'-los); from [NT:1210](#); a slave (literal or figurative, involuntary or voluntary; frequently, therefore in a qualified sense of subjection or subserviency): **KJV** - bond (-man), servant.

Labouring fervently – [NT:75](#) ἀγωνίζομαι **agonizomai** (ag-o-nid'-zom-ahee); from [NT:73](#); to struggle, literally (to compete for a prize), figuratively (to contend with an adversary), or genitive case (to endeavor to accomplish something):

KJV - fight, labor fervently, strive.

Perfect – [NT:5046](#) τέλειος **teleios** (tel'-i-os); from [NT:5056](#); complete (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); neuter (as noun, with [NT:3588](#)) completeness: **KJV** - of full age, man, perfect.

Complete – [NT:4137](#) πληρώω **pleroo** (play-ro'-o); from [NT:4134](#); to make replete, i.e. (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (figuratively) to furnish (or imbue, diffuse, influence), satisfy, execute (an office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.:

KJV - accomplish, * after, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

Will – [NT:2307](#) θέλημα **thelema** (thel'-ay-mah); from the prolonged form of [NT:2309](#); a determination (properly, the thing), i.e. (actively) choice (specially, purpose, decree; abstractly, volition) or (passively) inclination: **KJV** - desire, pleasure, will.

Passion

Colossians 4

¹³ For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

Zeal – [T:4192](#) πόνος **ponos** (pon'-os); from the base of [NT:3993](#); toil, i.e. (by implication) anguish: **KJV** - pain.

¹⁴ Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.

¹⁵ Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.

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Plagiary

Colossians 4 Three Spiritual R's Read, Read, Read

¹⁶ And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also **in the church** of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

Read – [NT:314](#) ἀναγινώσκω **anaginosko** (an-ag-in-ocē'-ko); from [NT:303](#) and [NT:1097](#); to know again, i.e. (by extension) to read: **KJV** - read.

Pay Attention

Colossians 4

¹⁷ And say to Archippus, **Take heed** to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

Received – [NT:3880](#) παραλαμβάνω **paralambano** (par-al-am-ban'-o); from [NT:3844](#) and [NT:2983](#); to receive near, i.e. associate with oneself (in any familiar or intimate act or relation); by analogy, to assume an office; figuratively, to learn:

KJV - receive, take (unto, with).

Fulfil – [NT:4137](#) πληρόω **pleroo** (play-ro'-o); from [NT:4134](#); to make replete, i.e. (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (figuratively) to furnish (or imbue, diffuse, influence), satisfy, execute (an office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.:

KJV - accomplish, ^x after, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

Paul

Colossians 4

¹⁸ The salutation [greeting] by the hand of me Paul. **Remember my bonds**. Grace be with you. Amen.

Remember – [NT:3421](#) μνημονεύω **mnemoneuo** (mna-y-mon-yoo'-o); from a derivative of [NT:3420](#); to exercise memory, i.e. recollect; by implication to punish; also to rehearse:

KJV - make mention; be mindful, remember.

Hebrews 13

³ Remember them that are in **bonds**, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.