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**COLOSSIANS – CHAPTER ONE**

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<p><sup>1</sup>Paul<sup>G3972</sup>, an apostle<sup>G652</sup> of Jesus<sup>G2424</sup> Christ<sup>G5547</sup> by the will<sup>G2307</sup> of God<sup>G2316</sup>, and Timotheus<sup>G5095</sup> our brother<sup>G80</sup>,</p>	<p>1. From Paul, commissioned by God for his purpose of sharing the message of a shared life with Jesus, and from our brother Timothy.</p>
<p><sup>2</sup>To the saints<sup>G40</sup> and faithful<sup>G4103</sup> brethren<sup>G80</sup> in Christ<sup>G5547</sup> which are at<sup>G1722</sup> Colosse<sup>G2857</sup>: Grace<sup>G5485</sup> be unto you, and peace<sup>G1515</sup>, from God<sup>G2316</sup> our Father<sup>G3962</sup> and the Lord<sup>G2962</sup> Jesus<sup>G2424</sup> Christ<sup>G5547</sup>.</p>	<p>2. To our faithful Christian brothers at Colosse. We pray for grace and peace from God our Father and from Jesus Christ to be yours.</p>
<p><sup>3</sup>We give thanks<sup>G2168</sup> to God<sup>G2316</sup> and the Father<sup>G3962</sup> of our Lord<sup>G2962</sup> Jesus<sup>G2424</sup> Christ<sup>G5547</sup>, praying<sup>G4336</sup> always<sup>G3842</sup> for you,</p>	<p>3. We are always praying and giving thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for you,</p>
<p><sup>4</sup>Since we heard<sup>G191</sup> of your<sup>G5216</sup> faith<sup>G4102</sup> in Christ<sup>G5547</sup> Jesus<sup>G2424</sup>, and of the love<sup>G26</sup> which<sup>G3588</sup> ye have to all<sup>G3956</sup> the saints<sup>G40</sup>,</p>	<p>4. As we hear of that faith in your life with Jesus and the love you show to other Christians</p>
<p><sup>5</sup>For the hope<sup>G1680</sup> which<sup>G3588</sup> is laid<sup>G606</sup> up for you in heaven<sup>G3772</sup>, whereof<sup>G3739</sup> ye heard<sup>G4257</sup> before<sup>G4257</sup> in the word<sup>G3056</sup> of the truth<sup>G226</sup> of the gospel<sup>G2098</sup>.</p>	<p>5. Because of that hope which heaven has appointed for you, that you anticipated when you heard the truth of the plan of God.</p>
<p><sup>6</sup>Which<sup>G3588</sup> is come<sup>G3918</sup> unto you, as it is in all<sup>G3956</sup> the world<sup>G2889</sup>, and bringeth<sup>G2592</sup> forth<sup>G1901</sup> fruit<sup>G2592</sup>, as it doth also<sup>G2532</sup> in you, since<sup>G575</sup> the day<sup>G2250</sup> ye heard<sup>G191</sup> of it, and knew<sup>G1921</sup> the grace<sup>G5485</sup> of God<sup>G2316</sup> in truth<sup>G226</sup>:</p>	<p>6. That same truth that came to you and to the entire world has had an amazing effect everywhere, as it has had in you since you first heard and understood the truth of God’s great goodness to us.</p>

<sup>7</sup>As ye also <sup>G2532</sup> learned <sup>G3129</sup> of Epaphras <sup>G1889</sup> our dear <sup>G27</sup> fellow-servant <sup>G4889</sup>, who <sup>G3739</sup> is for you a faithful <sup>G4103</sup> minister <sup>G1249</sup> of Christ <sup>G5547</sup>;

<sup>8</sup>Who <sup>G3588</sup> also <sup>G2532</sup> declared <sup>G1213</sup> unto us your <sup>G5216</sup> love <sup>G26</sup> in the Spirit <sup>G4151</sup>.

<sup>9</sup>For this <sup>G5124</sup> cause <sup>G1223-G5124</sup> we also <sup>G2532</sup>, since <sup>G575</sup> the day <sup>G2250</sup> we heard <sup>G191</sup> it, do not cease <sup>G3973</sup> to pray <sup>G4336</sup> for you, and to desire <sup>G154</sup> that ye might be filled <sup>G4137</sup> with the knowledge <sup>G1922</sup> of his will <sup>G2307</sup> in all <sup>G3956</sup> wisdom <sup>G4678</sup> and spiritual <sup>G4152</sup> understanding <sup>G4907</sup>;

<sup>10</sup>That ye might walk <sup>G4043</sup> worthy <sup>G516</sup> of the Lord <sup>G2962</sup> unto all <sup>G3956</sup> pleasing <sup>G699</sup>, being fruitful <sup>G2592</sup> in every <sup>G3956</sup> good <sup>G18</sup> work <sup>G2041</sup>, and increasing <sup>G837</sup> in the knowledge <sup>G1922</sup> of God <sup>G2316</sup>;

<sup>11</sup>Strengthened <sup>G1412</sup> with all <sup>G3956</sup> might <sup>G1411</sup>, according <sup>G2596</sup> to his glorious <sup>G1391</sup> power <sup>G2904</sup>, unto all <sup>G3956</sup> patience <sup>G5281</sup> and longsuffering <sup>G3115</sup> with joyfulness <sup>G5479</sup>;

<sup>12</sup>Giving thanks <sup>G2168</sup> unto the Father <sup>G3962</sup>, which <sup>G3588</sup> hath made <sup>G2427</sup> us meet <sup>G2427</sup> to be partakers <sup>G3310</sup> of the inheritance <sup>G2819</sup> of the saints <sup>G40</sup> in light <sup>G5457</sup>;

<sup>13</sup>Who <sup>G3739</sup> hath delivered <sup>G4506</sup> us from the power <sup>G1849</sup> of darkness <sup>G4655</sup>, and hath translated <sup>G3179</sup> us into <sup>G1519</sup> the kingdom <sup>G932</sup> of his dear <sup>G26</sup> Son <sup>G5207</sup>;

<sup>14</sup>In whom <sup>G3739</sup> we have <sup>G2192</sup> redemption <sup>G629</sup> through <sup>G1223</sup> his blood <sup>G129</sup>, even the forgiveness <sup>G859</sup> of sins <sup>G266</sup>;

<sup>15</sup>Who <sup>G3739</sup> is the image <sup>G1504</sup> of the invisible <sup>G517</sup> God <sup>G2316</sup>, the firstborn <sup>G4416</sup> of every <sup>G3956</sup> creature <sup>G2937</sup>;

7. Epaphras, who is a close and dear fellow-servant of God has faithfully taught you of this truth

8. And he also told us of the love that the Holy Spirit has caused to flourish among you.

9. It is because of hearing this that we continue to pray for you. Our heart's desire for you is that you will know what God wants for you and that you will be given all the wisdom and spiritual understanding that you need.

10. We pray that you will live the kind of lives that bring honor to God and make his heart glad as you make the good things that you do count for him. Living like this will cause you to know God more and more.

11. You will be empowered with all the strength you need through his mighty and unlimited power, so that you can endure through all adversity without losing your joy.

12. We are so thankful to the Father who has turned us into people who have the capacity to share with other Christians in the shining light of his dominion over all things.

13. He has drawn us out from the power of the domain of darkness and placed us within the rule and dominion of his beloved Son.

14. We have a life worth living again because of the lifeblood that he spilled for our new life to happen, graciously freeing us from the problem and penalty of human self obsession, called sin.

15. He is the visible expression of the invisible God, the firstborn, before all of

<sup>16</sup>For by him were all<sup>G3956</sup> things created<sup>G2936</sup>, that are in heaven<sup>G3772</sup>, and that are in earth<sup>G1093</sup>, visible<sup>G3707</sup> and invisible<sup>G517</sup>, whether<sup>G1535</sup> they be thrones<sup>G2362</sup>, or<sup>G1535</sup> dominions<sup>G2963</sup>, or<sup>G1535</sup> principalities<sup>G746</sup>, or<sup>G1535</sup> powers<sup>G1849</sup>: all<sup>G3956</sup> things were created<sup>G2936</sup> by him, and for him:

<sup>17</sup>And he is before<sup>G4253</sup> all<sup>G3956</sup> things, and by him all<sup>G3956</sup> things consist<sup>G4921</sup>.

<sup>18</sup>And he is the head<sup>G2776</sup> of the body<sup>G4983</sup>, the church<sup>G1577</sup>: who<sup>G3739</sup> is the beginning<sup>G746</sup>, the firstborn<sup>G4416</sup> from the dead<sup>G3498</sup>, that in all<sup>G3956</sup> things he might have the preeminence<sup>G4409</sup>.

<sup>19</sup>For it pleased<sup>G2106</sup> the Father that in him should all<sup>G3956</sup> fulness<sup>G4138</sup> dwell<sup>G2730</sup>;

<sup>20</sup>And, having made<sup>G1517</sup> peace<sup>G1517</sup> through<sup>G1223</sup> the blood<sup>G129</sup> of his cross<sup>G4716</sup>, by him to reconcile<sup>G604</sup> all<sup>G3956</sup> things unto himself<sup>G848</sup>; by him, I say, whether<sup>G1535</sup> they be things in earth<sup>G1093</sup>, or<sup>G1535</sup> things in heaven<sup>G3772</sup>.

<sup>21</sup>And you, that were sometime<sup>G4218</sup> alienated<sup>G526</sup> and enemies<sup>G2190</sup> in your<sup>G3588</sup> mind<sup>G1271</sup> by wicked<sup>G4190</sup> works<sup>G2041</sup>, yet<sup>G1161</sup> now<sup>G3570</sup> hath he reconciled<sup>G604</sup>

<sup>22</sup>In the body<sup>G4983</sup> of his flesh<sup>G4561</sup> through<sup>G1223</sup> death<sup>G2288</sup>, to present<sup>G3936</sup> you holy<sup>G40</sup> and unblameable<sup>G299</sup> and unproveable<sup>G410</sup> in his sight<sup>G2714</sup>.

<sup>23</sup>If<sup>G1489</sup> ye continue<sup>G1961</sup> in the faith<sup>G4102</sup> grounded<sup>G2311</sup> and settled<sup>G1476</sup>, and be not moved<sup>G3334</sup> away<sup>G3334</sup> from the hope<sup>G1680</sup> of the gospel<sup>G2098</sup>, which ye have heard<sup>G191</sup>, and which<sup>G3739</sup> was preached<sup>G2784</sup> to every<sup>G3956</sup> creature<sup>G2937</sup> which is under<sup>G5259</sup> heaven<sup>G3772</sup>; whereof<sup>G3739</sup> I Paul<sup>G3972</sup> am

creation.

16. Through him everything was created that exists in heaven and in the earth, whether material or spiritual, sovereign rulers, governmental rulers, regional leaders, and other delegated authorities. These were all created by him and for him.

17. He existed prior to everything, and everything owes its existence to him.

18. He is the head of the body which is his church. He is the first in all existence, the first ever to rise from the dead, so that he will have the honor of being supreme over all things.

19. The father desires that everything that exists finds its permanent residence in him.

20. He has caused everything that exists in heaven and in earth to find its being in Jesus Christ and to be put in its right place through the lifeblood that he shed on the cross.

21. You who were once alienated in your minds through the hostility of your fallen mindset and behavior are now in a right place of harmony with him

22. By his taking upon himself our hostile humanity and putting it to death, so that you can now enjoy a close intimacy with him, innocent and unashamed of who you are,

23. If you remain sure and settled in your faith, and do not get pushed aside from the hope that comes from the message of a shared life with Jesus. You have heeded this message which has been proclaimed to everyone under heaven. This is the

<p>made<sup>G1096</sup> a minister<sup>G1249</sup>;</p> <p>24 Who now<sup>G3568</sup> rejoice<sup>G5463</sup> in my sufferings<sup>G3804</sup> for you, and fill<sup>G466</sup> up that which is behind<sup>G5303</sup> of the afflictions<sup>G2347</sup> of Christ<sup>G5547</sup> in my flesh<sup>G4561</sup> for his body's<sup>G4983</sup> sake, which<sup>G3739</sup> is the church<sup>G1577</sup>:</p> <p>25 Whereof<sup>G3739</sup> I am made<sup>G1096</sup> a minister<sup>G1249</sup>, according<sup>G2596</sup> to the dispensation<sup>G3622</sup> of God<sup>G2316</sup> which<sup>G3588</sup> is given<sup>G1325</sup> to me for you, to fulfil<sup>G4137</sup> the word<sup>G3056</sup> of God<sup>G2316</sup>;</p> <p>26 Even the mystery<sup>G3466</sup> which<sup>G3588</sup> hath been hid<sup>G614</sup> from ages<sup>G165</sup> and from generations<sup>G1074</sup>, but now<sup>G3570</sup> is made<sup>G5319</sup> manifest<sup>G5319</sup> to his saints<sup>G40</sup>:</p> <p>27 To whom<sup>G3739</sup> God<sup>G2316</sup> would<sup>G2309</sup> make<sup>G1107</sup> known<sup>G1107</sup> what<sup>G5101</sup> is the riches<sup>G4149</sup> of the glory<sup>G1391</sup> of this<sup>G5127</sup> mystery<sup>G3466</sup> among<sup>G1722</sup> the Gentiles<sup>G1484</sup>, which<sup>G3739</sup> is Christ<sup>G5547</sup> in you, the hope<sup>G1680</sup> of glory<sup>G1391</sup>:</p> <p>28 Whom<sup>G3739</sup> we preach<sup>G2605</sup>, warning<sup>G3560</sup> every<sup>G3956</sup> man<sup>G444</sup>, and teaching<sup>G1321</sup> every<sup>G3956</sup> man<sup>G444</sup> in all<sup>G3956</sup> wisdom<sup>G4678</sup>; that we may present<sup>G3936</sup> every<sup>G3956</sup> man<sup>G444</sup> perfect<sup>G5046</sup> in Christ<sup>G5547</sup> Jesus<sup>G2424</sup>:</p> <p>29 Whereunto<sup>G1519-G3739</sup> I also<sup>G2532</sup> labour<sup>G2872</sup>, striving<sup>G75</sup> according<sup>G2596</sup> to his working<sup>G1753</sup> which<sup>G3588</sup> worketh<sup>G1754</sup> in me mightily<sup>G1722-G1411</sup>.</p>	<p>message which I have been called to preach.</p> <p>24. I can experience joy as I suffer hardships on your behalf and do my part in identifying and sharing with Jesus' sufferings in my own body, for the sake of his body, the church.</p> <p>25. This is how I have been charged to serve you as part of my stewardship, ordained of God, fulfilling the message of his word.</p> <p>26. This is the message of his secret plan which has been hidden throughout the years and generations and is now unveiled to those who believe.</p> <p>27. God wants to let us know the magnificent richness and splendor of this secret plan for all the nations of the world, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.</p> <p>28. This is what we proclaim, putting everybody in mind of this eternal truth, and teaching and instructing everyone how to understand and apply this truth in their lives, so that we can finally present everyone complete in Christ Jesus.</p> <p>29. I work at this diligently and effectively, empowered by his divine power, which energizes me mightily.</p>
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