

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Colossians 1**

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
² to the saints, the faithful brothers in Christ who are at Colossae. Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

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

⁴ since we heard about your faith in Christ Jesus, and the love which you have for all the saints,

⁵ which comes from the hope in what is laid up for you in heaven, which you heard before in the word of truth, the gospel.

⁶ It has come to you; just as it is bearing fruit and growing in all the world, as it does also in you, since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth.

⁷ You learned the gospel from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf,

⁸ who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard about you, never stopped praying for you, requesting that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

¹⁰ Then you may live a worthy life, pleasing to the Lord in every way, bearing fruit in every good work, and growing in the knowledge of God.

¹¹ May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, unto all patience and endurance with joy,

¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

¹³ For he rescued us out of the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on the earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions, whether principalities or powers; all things have been created by him and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and all things are held together in him.

¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church, he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead; so that in everything he might have the first place.

¹⁹ For the Father was pleased that all his fullness should dwell in him;

²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

²¹ You who were once alienated and enemies in your mind due to your evil actions,

²² he has now reconciled you by the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy, without blemish, and absolutely free from accusation before him;

²³ if you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, not moved away from the hope promised to you in the gospel that you heard. This is the gospel which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up my part that which is lacking in the sufferings of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church.

²⁵ I have become its servant since the time God commissioned me, which was given me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

²⁶ that is the mystery that has been hidden for ages and generations, but now has been revealed to his saints.

²⁷ God desired to make known to them the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ We proclaim him, warning and teaching everyone in all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

²⁹ For this gospel I also labor, struggling with all his power, which works mightily in me.

DASV: Colossians 2

¹ For I want you to know how much I struggle for you, and for those at Laodicea, and for those who have not met me face to face.

² I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, and to have all riches of confident understanding, and know the mystery of God, namely Christ,

³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

⁴ I say this so that no one will deceive you with persuasive arguments.

⁵ For though I am absent in body, I am with you in the spirit, rejoicing to see how well ordered you are, and the strength of your faith in Christ.

⁶ As you received Christ Jesus as Lord, so walk following him,

⁷ rooted and built up in him, and firm in your faith, just as you were taught, overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ Make sure that no one deceives you through empty and deceitful philosophy, according to human tradition, from the spiritual powers of the world, and not from Christ.

⁹ For in him dwells all the fullness of the godhead bodily.

¹⁰ You are made full in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

¹¹ In him you also were circumcised, not with a circumcision of the flesh, but the putting off the body of flesh, by the spiritual circumcision done by Christ.

¹² Having been buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ You, being dead through your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive together with him, having forgiven all your sins;

¹⁴ having dropped the charges written against us, which were contrary to us. He has taken it away by nailing it to the cross.

¹⁵ Disarming the rulers and the authorities, he exposed them openly, triumphing over them by the cross.

¹⁶ Therefore let no one condemn you over food or drink, or concerning the observing of a feast day, new moon or Sabbath days.

¹⁷ These are only the shadow of the things to come, but the reality is Christ.

¹⁸ Let no one judge you demanding pious self-denial and the worshipping of the angels, dwelling on visions, yet full of pride in their fleshly mind.

¹⁹ He lost connection to the head, from whom the whole body is supported and united together through the joints and ligaments, grows with the growth that comes from God.

²⁰ If you died with Christ from the elemental spirits of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourself to regulations--

²¹ do not handle, taste, or touch?

²² These are all things which perish with use, being simply human ideas and teachings.

²³ While these things have an appearance of wisdom with self-imposed worship, false humility, and severe treatment of the body; but are not of any true value against the indulgence of the flesh.

DASV: Colossians 3

¹ So if you were raised with Christ, seek things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your mind on the things above, not on things on earth,

³ for you have died, and your new life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you too will be revealed in glory with him.

⁵ So put to death your earthly actions: sexual immorality, impurity, ungodly passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.

⁶ Because of doing these sins, the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.

⁷ You also did these things when you lived among them.

⁸ But now strip off anger, wrath, malice, and abusive language from your mouth.

⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have put off sinful practices reflective of that old, dead self

¹⁰ and have put on the new self, that is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its Creator.

¹¹ So there is no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, freeman but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Clothe yourselves, therefore, as God's chosen, holy and beloved, with a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

¹³ Bear with one another, and forgive each other. If anyone has a complaint against anyone else, as the Lord forgave you, forgive them.

¹⁴ Above all these things clothe yourselves with love, which unites everything in perfect harmony.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ control your hearts. For you were called as part of one body to peace. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and exhorting one another in all wisdom with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with gratitude in your hearts to God.

¹⁷ Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh to them.

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in all things, for this pleases the Lord.

²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they will not be discouraged.

²² Servants, obey your earthly masters in everything and not only when they are watching but seek to please them with a sincere heart, fearing the Lord.

²³ Whatever you do, work at it heartily, with enthusiasm as to the Lord, and not for men,

²⁴ knowing that you will receive the reward as an inheritance from the Lord. Serve the Lord Christ.

²⁵ For the one who does wrong will be repaid for the wrong that he has done, and there are no exceptions.

DASV: Colossians 4

¹ Masters, treat your servants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.

³ Pray for us also, that God may open a door for the word so that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

⁴ Pray that I may proclaim the word as clearly as I should.

⁵ Be wise how you act toward outsiders, making the most of every opportunity.

⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.

⁷ Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord, will make known all my affairs to you.

⁸ I have sent him for this very purpose, that you may know how we are doing, and that he may encourage your hearts.

⁹ I am also sending Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything going on here.

¹⁰ Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.

¹¹ Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are my only Jewish converts, fellow workers in the kingdom of God. They have been a comfort to me.

¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you. He earnestly prays for you, that you may stand perfect and confident in all the will of God.

¹³ For I can assure you, that he has worked hard for you, and for those in Laodicea and Hierapolis.

¹⁴ Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you.

¹⁵ Greet the brothers who are in Laodicea and Nymphas, and the church that meets in her house.

¹⁶ After this letter has been read to you, let it be read also by the church of the Laodiceans. You also read the letter from Laodicea.

¹⁷ Tell Archippus, "Make sure you complete the ministry you received in the Lord."

¹⁸ I, Paul write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.