

*Paul's Letter to the*

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What is the letter all about?

Ordering Your Life  
Around  
Christ



Study of  
Colossians

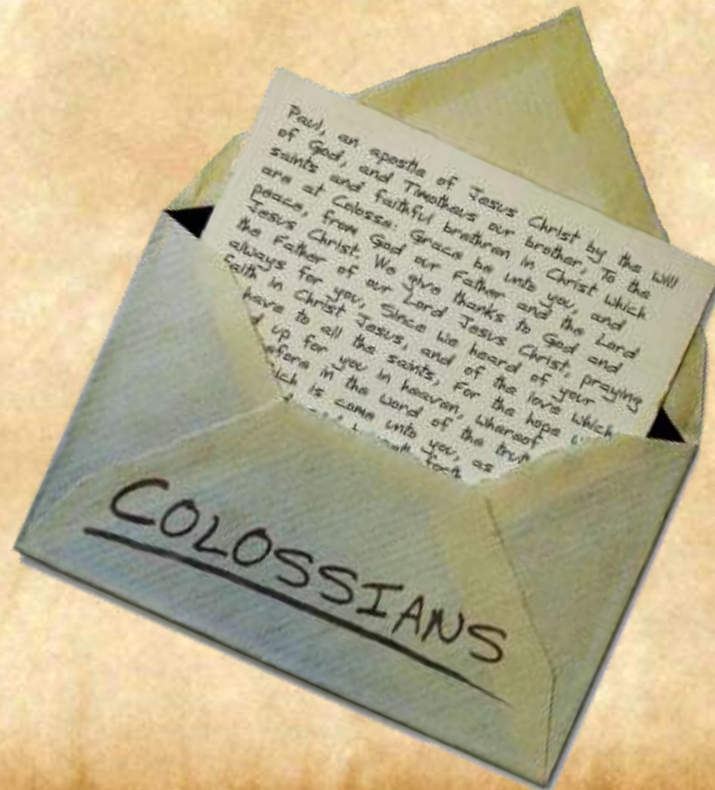
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**Encouraging the new church to  
explore the Gospel, Jesus Christ,  
Holiness and The Church**

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**In Colossians 4:3 Paul mentions being in chains which has led many to think that the letter was written in prison**

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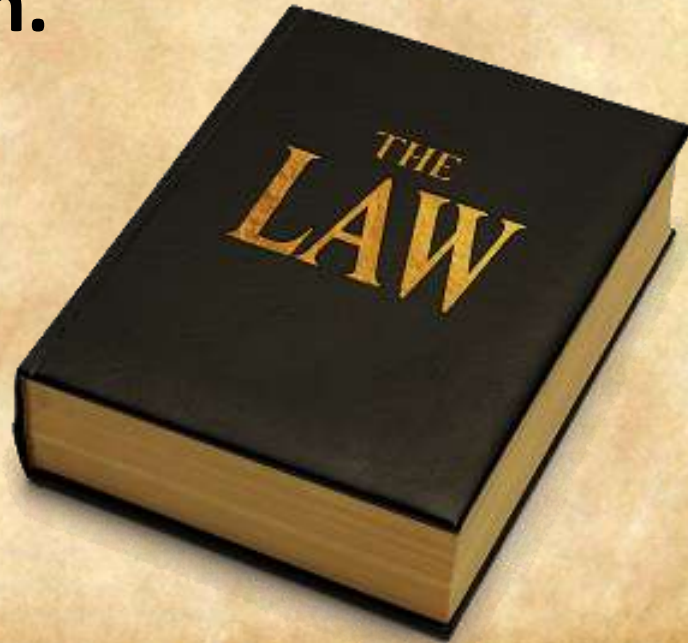
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**To help people find human and spiritual maturity.**

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**What the law was not able to do...**

**God did through his Son's death  
and resurrection.**



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**The bottom line**



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**We are Citizens of Heaven**

**This should effect how we are  
and what we are**

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## Major highlights in the letter

Highlighting texts feels good. You can draw attention of people to a word or perhaps even to a whole sentence that spans across multiple lines in such a way that hyphenation etc. are not affected.

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<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

*Colossians 1:15-22 (NIV)*

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<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. <sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

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**How close are we to God?**



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<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

<sup>9</sup> For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup> and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ,

*Colossians 2:8-16 (NIV)*

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<sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

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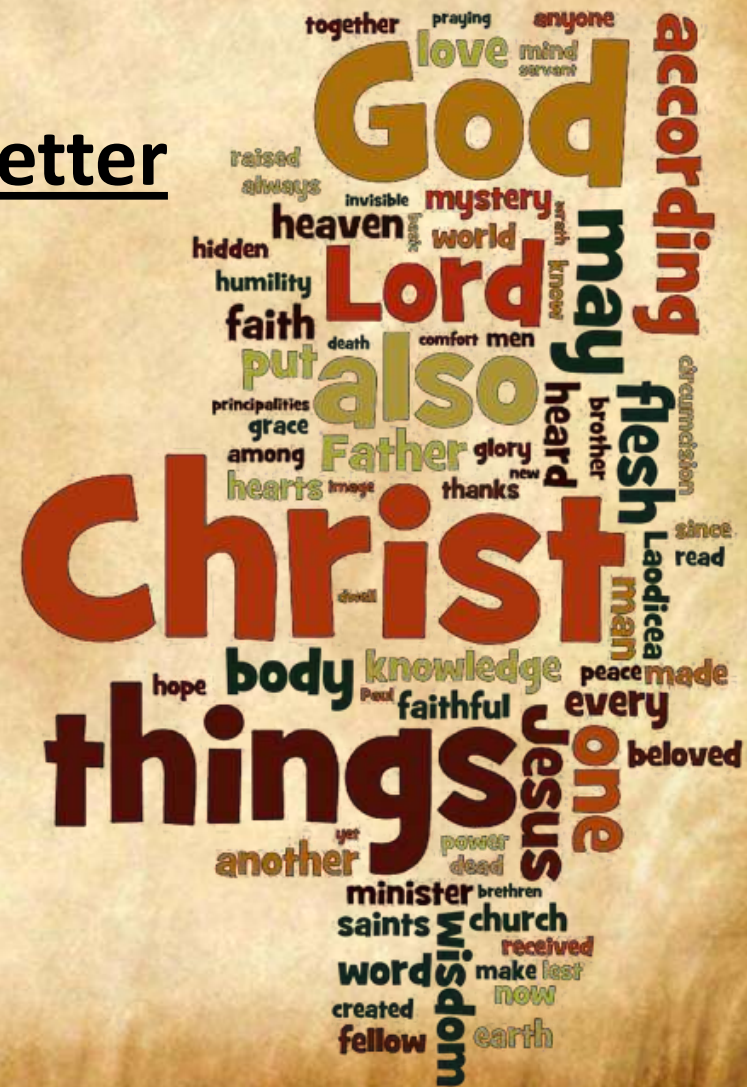
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**Are we judging others?**

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<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

*Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)*

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<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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**What do you feed upon?**



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<sup>12</sup> Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

*Colossians 4:12 (NIV)*

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**Are you growing in God?**

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## Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup> To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colosse:

Grace and peace to you from God the Father,

### Thanksgiving and Prayer

<sup>3</sup> We always thank God the Father for you, our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> because of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all of us that spring from the hope that is stored up for you, which you have already heard about in the words of the gospel that I have preached to you. All over the world this gospel has been doing its work, and it is bringing you grace in all its

