THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE
TO THE
COLOSSIANS.

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

B 3 We give thanks to God and to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,
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;
6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and broughteth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:
7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellow-servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;
8 Who also declared unto us your love in the spirit.

C 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;
10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
11 Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness;
12 Giving thanks unto the Father, Which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:


1. 9—2. 7 (C, p. 1780). PAUL’S SOLICITUDE. (Repeated Alternation.)

C A1 | 1. 9—11. Solicitude as to their faith and walk.
B1 | 1. 12—22. Christ the Head of the body.
A2 | 1. 23—25. Solicitude as to continuing in the faith.
A3 | 1. 28—2. 3. The Mystery acknowledged.
B3 | 2. 4—7. Solicitude as to their establishment in the faith.

1. 12—22 [For Structure see next page].


1781
13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son;
14 In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

D a 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of every creature:

b 16 For by Him all things were 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:

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

E 18 And is the Head of the body, the church: Who is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead;

D a 19 For it pleased the Father that in Him should be all fulness dwelleth;

b 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 heaven, or things in earth, or things visible or invisible;

C 21 And you, that were sometime aliens and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled
22 In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in His sight:

A² 23 If ye continue in the faith and grounded and settled, and are 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 an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

B² 24 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and generations, but now is made manifest to His saints,
25 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:

A³ 26 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom;

24 sufferings. Cp. Rom. 8. 18. 2 Cor. 1. 5. that which is lacking. Cp. 1 Cor. 16. 17. of the members of the body of Christ, which is the Head.
See 1 Cor. 9. 17 and cp. Eph. 3. 21. is was.
COLOSSIANS.

2. 13.

2 For I 

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; 

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, 

In Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

1 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you 

by enticing words. 

The spirit, and joying, and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him; 

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

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:

For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principalities and powers:

In 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;

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

And you, being dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Jesus. The text omits.
Whereunto = Unto (Ap. 104. vi) which.
I also labour = I labour also.
working. See Eph. 1. 19.
worketh. See Eph. 1. 11.
mighty = by (Gr. en) might (Ap. 172. 1).
conflict. See Phil. 1. 29.
for. Ap. 104. xiii. i, but the texts read xvii. 1.
That. Gr. hina, in order that.
knit together. See Acts 9. 22.
riches. See 1. 27.
full assurance. Gr. phterophoria. Here, I Theam. 1. 8.
hab. 6. 11; 10. 22.
understanding. Ap. 132. II. iii.
to = unto, as above; or, with a view to.
and, etc. The texts read "even Christ".
Christ. Ap. 98. IX.
3 hid. Gr. apokruptos. Only here, Mark 4. 22.
knowledge. Ap. 132. II. i.
lest, etc. = in order that (Gr. hina) no one (Gr. méoia) beguile = deceive. Gr. paralelogismoi. Here and Jas. 1. 22.
tempting words. Gr. pithanodagia. Only here.
5 though = even if (Ap. 118. 2. 8).
order. See 1 Cor. 14. 46.
steadfastness. Gr. stereomai. Only here.
faith. Ap. 150. II. I.
6 Christ Jesus. Ap. 68. XII.
Lord. Ap. 98. VI. I. 6. 2 A. For this full title see Rom. 6. 23.
7 Rooted. See Eph. 3. 17.
stablished. See Rom. 15. 9 (confirm).
in = by.
therein = in (Ap. 104. viii) it.

2. 8—23 (D. p. 1780). DOCTRINAL CORRECTION. (Extended Alternation.)

B Beware = See (Ap. 133. I. 15) to it.

theology. See 1. 19.
fullness. See 1. 19.
only here. The subj. in Luke 3. 22, 1 Tim. 4. 8.
without hands. See 2 Cor. 5. 8.
wherein = in (Ap. 104. viii) Whom. also, etc. ye were raised (Ap. 178. I. 5) also, and.
from, etc. Ap. 122. I. ii. 8.
quickened together = made alive together. See Eph. 2. 5.
Him. Texts add, "even you".
given = graciously forgiven.

Same as "sins", above.

2. 18.
2. 14. COLOSSIANS.

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

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holyday, or of new moons, or of sabbaths days:
17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.
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,
19 And not holding the Head from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and 2 knit together, increased with the increase of God.

20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,
21 Touching the name, and the manner of our worship, and worship of angels, and unlearned and not worshipping.
22 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in them which will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; yet not in any sense honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
4 When Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.
5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness,


3. 1-4. 1 (D, p. 1730). DOCTRINAL CORRECTION, AS HAVING RISEN WITH CHRIST. (Extended Alternation.)

3. 1 ff. 8. I-9. Our calling, as risen with Christ; the rule of the old man put off.
2 g. 3. 10, 11. The new man put on.
3 h. 3, 12-14. The effects seen in the exercise of love, the bond of perfectness.
4 i. 3, 13. Our calling in the one body; the rule of God's peace begun.
5 j. 3, 14. The word of Christ dwelling within.
6 k. 3, 17-4. 1. The effects seen in the exercise of love, as the bond of all domestic relations.

inordinate affection, evil, concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 For which things sake the wrath of God cometh upon the children of disobedience. 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 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 put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him That created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; 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. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

And let 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.

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.

Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye-service, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: 23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.


25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

4 Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

2 Continue in prayer, and watch therewith: for the same, with thanksgiving.

3 Withall 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;

4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

7 All my state shall Tychoicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord:

8 Whom I ought to have with me, or I should have rejoiced to find you in the way, to comfort you;

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.

10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner salute thee, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments;) if he come unto you, receive him;

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.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, salute thee, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

13 For I beseech him, record that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are 1 in Laodicea, and them 1 in Hierapolis.

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

15 Salute the brethren which are 1 in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is 1 in his house.

16 And when this epistle is read among you, cause 2 that it be also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle 3 from Laodicea.

17 And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds, Grace be with you. Amen.