THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

TO THE

COLOSSIANS.

1 PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother, to the saints and faithful brethren at Colosse; grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

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

5 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:

6 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellow-servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

7 Who also declared unto us your love in the spirit.

8 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 understanding;

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

10 Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness;

11 Giving thanks unto the Father, Which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

12 Hath omitted. See 2 Cor. 3. 6. to be partakers for (Ap. 104. vi) the share. inheritance see 2 Cor. 3. 6. light the light. Ap. 150. 1.
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1. 13—22 (B, p. 1781). CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE BODY. (Introversion and Alternation.)

B | 12–14. Gentiles made meat,


14 redemption. See Rom. 3. 21. through his blood. All the texts omit. forgiveness. Cp. Eph. 1. 7.

15 Christ. See Ap. 128. 2. II. 1.


16 invisible. See Rom. 1. 20.

17 Firstborn. See Rom. 1. 23; 8. 29.

18 every creature = all creation.


26 have, &c. = become the pre- eminent One. Gr. πρό-

27 toed. Only here.

28 Instead of "the Father" supply the ellipsis with "God",

all fulness = all the fulness. Gr. πληρά. See Eph. 1. 23; 8. 19. dwell. See Acts 2. 5.

29 having made peace. Gr. εἰρήνατος. Only here.

30 through. Cp. Tit. 2. 15.

31 reconcile. See Eph. 2. 16, and Ap. 106. 3. d.

32 Gentiles. See Eph. 2. 12.


34 invisible. See Rom. 1. 20.

35 ὑπέρ. See 1 Cor. 8. 1.

36 unimpeachable. See Eph. 1. 4.

37 unimpeachable. See 1 Cor. 1. 8.

38 If = If (Ap. 118. 2. a) at least. continue. See Acts 10. 16.

39 ground. See Eph. 3. 17.

40 settled. Gr. ἡεδρια. See 1 Cor. 7. 37.

41 not. Ap. 105. II.

42 moved away. Gr. μετακινεῖ. Only here.

43 hope of the gospel. I.e. the return of the Lord.


46 heaven = the heaven. See Matt. 6. 9, 10.


48 that. ἄνθρωπον. Only here. that, &c. that which is lacking. Cp. 1 Cor. 16. 17. afflictions. See Acts 7. 16. Christ. I.e. the tribulations for which is ... sake = for, as v. 7. dispensation. fill up. Same as "fill", v.s. word. Ap. 121. 10.

49 hid. See 1 Cor. 2. 7, and cp. Eph. 3. 5.


53 among. See 104. vii. 2.

54 warning = admonishing.
2. 8–23 (D, p. 1780). DOCTRINAL CORRECTION. (Extended Alternation.)

D o | 2, 8. Caution. Let no man deceive you.
| d | 2, 9, 10. Christ the Head, and the body complete in Him.
| e | 2, 11–15. Ordinances therefore done away in Christ.
| c | 2, 16–18. Caution. Let no man judge you.
| e | 2, 19. Christ the Head, and the body nourished by Him.
| f | 2, 20–23. Ordinances therefore done away in Christ.


Ap. 184, II. 1. trespasses. Same as "sins," above.
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; and having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.  
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 worshiping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffing up by his own mind, holding the Head from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth 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, which are after the commandments and doctrines of men?  
3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of 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, 

23 Which = Which order of will worship. Gr. ἐκθελθήσται. i.e. self-imposed worship. Only here. neglecting = not sparing. 

3. 1—4. 1 (D, p. 1780). DOCTRINAL CORRECTION, AS HAVING RISEN WITH CHRIST.  

(Extended Alteration.)
3. 5.

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*inordinate affection = passion, or lust. See Rom. 1: 26.
concupiscence = desire. See John 8, 44.
covetousness = See Rom. 12, 22, and Eph. 5, 5.
wrath = See Rom. I. 18.
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 to one 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:
11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

h 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humility of mind, meekness, longsuffering,
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.

f 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.

16 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.

h 17 And 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.
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:
23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; for he that doeth work will receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
3. 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.

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2. Continue in prayer, and watch thereunto the same with thanksgiving;

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;

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

5. Walk in wisdom toward them which 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.

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

8. Whom I have sent unto you, for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;

9. With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, which is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.

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10. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner salute thee, and Marcus, sister's son of Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: ye shall receive also of him whom ye send him;)

11. And Jesus which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellow workers 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 bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them which are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

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

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

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

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


