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(18) And He is the head of the body, the church: Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that He might have first place in all *things*.

(19) Because it pleased *the Father* that in Him should all fullness live;

(20) And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things to Himself; by Him, *I say*, whether *they are* things in earth, or things in heaven.

(21) And you, who were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

(22) In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and without blame and above reproach in His sight:

(23) If you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and not *be* moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature that is under heaven; of which I Paul am made a minister;

Session 8: Oct. 24, 2021 Colossians 1:24-2:3 The Gospel's Goal

(24) Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the church:

(25) Of which I am made a minister, according to the stewardship of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God;

(26) *Even* the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now is revealed to His saints:

(27) To whom God would make known what *are* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles {non-Jews}; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

(28) Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect {spiritually mature} in Christ Jesus:

(29) For this reason I also labor, striving according to His working, Who mightily works in me.

Chapter 2

(1) Because I want you to know what great conflict I have for you, and *for* those at Laodicea, and *for* as many as who have not seen my face in the flesh;

(2) That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

(3) In Whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Session 9: Oct. 31, 2021 Colossians 2:4-15
The Gospel's Forgiveness

(4) And this I say, lest any man should deceive you with enticing words.

(5) Because though I am absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, rejoicing and seeing your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

(6) As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him:

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(7) Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

(8) 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.

(9) Because in Him lives all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

(10) And you are complete in Him, Who is the head of all principality and power:

(11) In Whom also you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

(12) Buried with Him in baptism, in which also you have risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, Who has raised Him from the dead.

(13) And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all sins;

(14) Blotting out the handwriting of laws 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 show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Session 10: Nov. 7, 2021 Colossians 2:16-23
The Gospel's Freedom

(16) Let no man therefore judge you in food, or in drink, or in respect to a holy day, or of the new moons, or of the sabbath *days* {Saturdays}:

(17) Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

(18) Let no man deceive you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshiping of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen,^a 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 knit together, increases with the increase of God.

(20) Since you are dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are you subject to laws,

(21) (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

(22) Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and teachings of men?

(23) Those things indeed have a show of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honor to the satisfying of the flesh.

Session 11: Nov. 14, 2021 Colossians 3:1-17
The Gospel Lived

Chapter 3

(1) If you then have risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God.

(2) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

(3) Because you are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

2:18a – things which he has not seen – many modern translations following the corrupted Greek Text translate as “things which he has seen” - see [Appendix I: Examples of Missing Words and Verses of Scripture in Modern Translations](#)