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Chapter 1

(1) Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy^a *our* brother,
 (2) To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ who are at Colosse: Grace to you, and peace,^b from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 (3) We give thanks to God and 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 you have* towards all the saints.
 (5) Because the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;
 (6) Which has come to you, as *it is* in all the world; and brings forth fruit, as *it does* also in you, since the day you heard *of it*, and knew the grace of God in truth:
 (7) As you also learned of Epaphras our dear fellow servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;
 (8) Who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.
 (9) For this reason we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

(10) That you might walk worthy of the Lord pleasing to all, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
 (11) Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, to all patience and long suffering with joyfulness;
 (12) Giving thanks to the Father, Who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light:
 (13) Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated *us* into the kingdom of His dear Son:
 (14) In Whom we have redemption through His blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:
 (15) Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of every creature:
 (16) Because all things were created by Him, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they are* thrones, or dominions {rule, kingdoms}, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him:
 (17) And He was before all things, and by Him all things consist.

1:1a – Timothy – Acts 16:1

1:2b – Grace and Peace – grace always precedes peace – Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:3; II Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2; Philip. 1:2; I Thes. 1:1; II Thes. 1:2; I Tim. 1:2; II Tim. 1:2; Tit. 1:4; Philemon 1:3; I Pet. 1:2; II Pet. 1:2; II Jn. 1:3 – grace means receiving something as a free gift that is totally undeserved

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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;

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(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.

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(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: