

LETTER TO THE
COLOSSIANS

**Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of
God, and Timothy our brother,
To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful
brothers and sisters in Christ:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father.
Colossians 1:1-2**

- **your faith in Christ Jesus**
- **the love you have for all God's people**
- **the hope stored up for you in heaven**

**which you have already heard
in the true message of the gospel**

Colossians 1:3-8

We continually ask God

- 1. to fill you with the knowledge of his will**
- 2. so that you may live a life ...**
 - bearing fruit in every good work,**
 - growing in the knowledge of God,**
 - being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might**
 - so that you may have great endurance and patience, and**
 - giving joyful thanks to the Father,**

Colossians 1:9-14

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Colossians 1:15-20

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in him all things were created:

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Colossians 1:16

**Once you were alienated from God
and were enemies in your minds
because of your evil behavior.**

**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—**

**if you continue in your faith,
established and firm,
and do not move from the hope
held out in the gospel.**

Colossians 1:21-23

This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

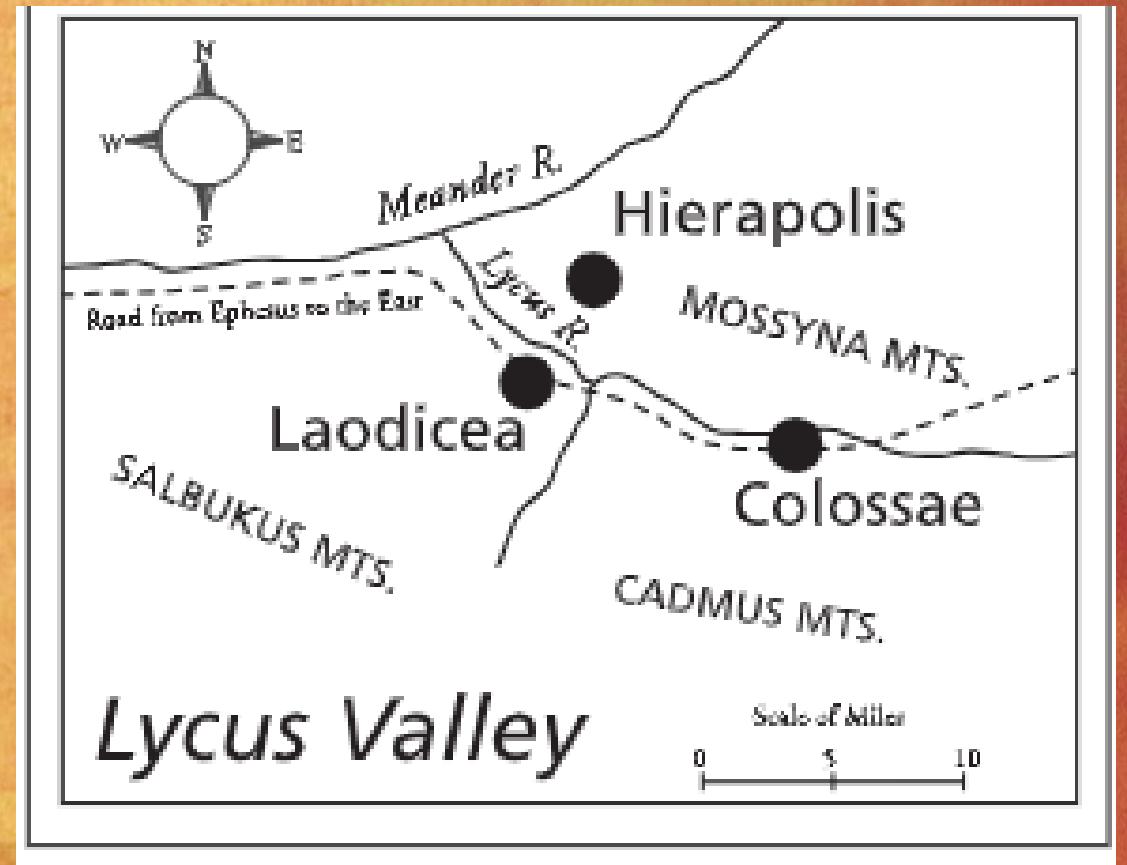
Colossians 1:23

Colossians 1:24-2:5

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Colossians 2:2-3

Maps of Asia Minor and the Lycus Valley



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Colossians 2:2-3

I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

Colossians 2:4-5

So then,

just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,
continue to live your lives in him,
rooted and built up in him,
strengthened in the faith
just as you were taught, and
overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7

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Colossians 2:6-7

**So then,
just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,**

and you live in him,

and you and he are together in glory.

**If you declare with your
mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and
believe in your heart that God
raised him from the dead, you
will be saved.**

**and
fullness.**

Colossians 2:6-7

Romans 10:9

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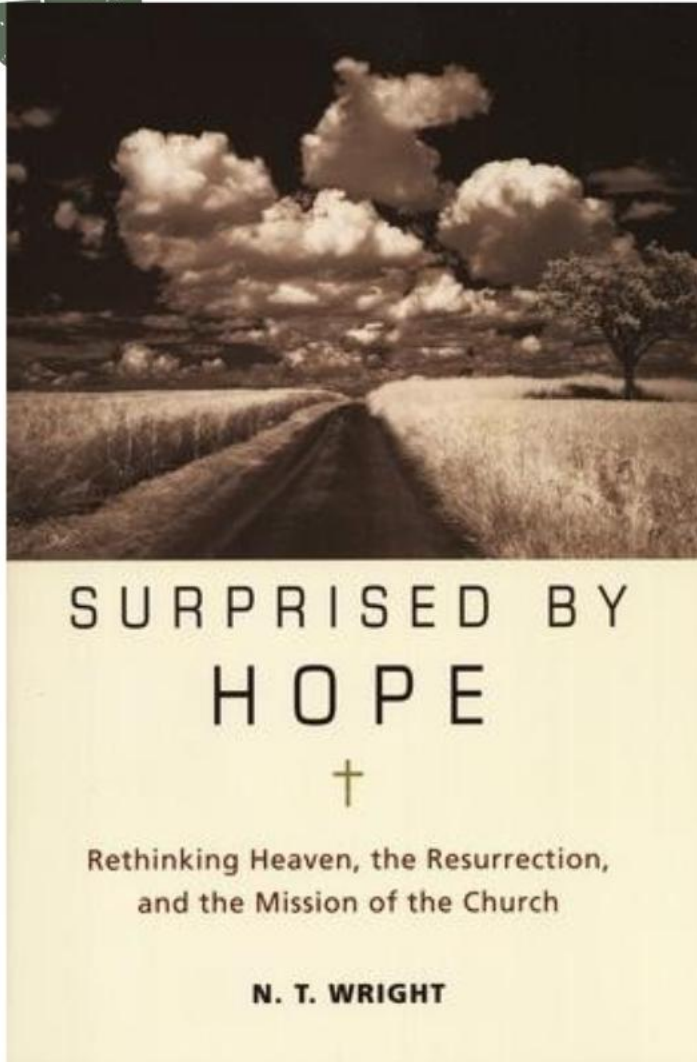
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LIFT

Learning in Fellowship Together

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30




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Colossians 2:8



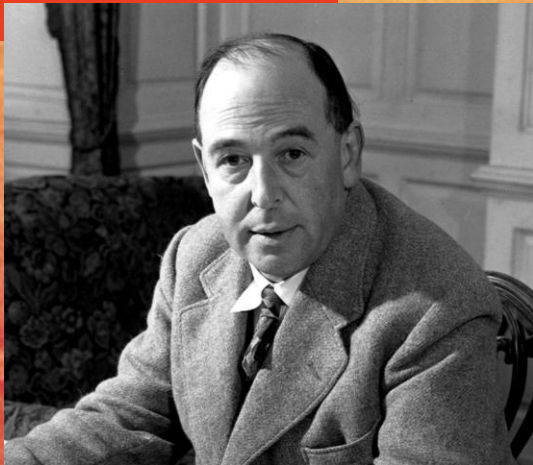
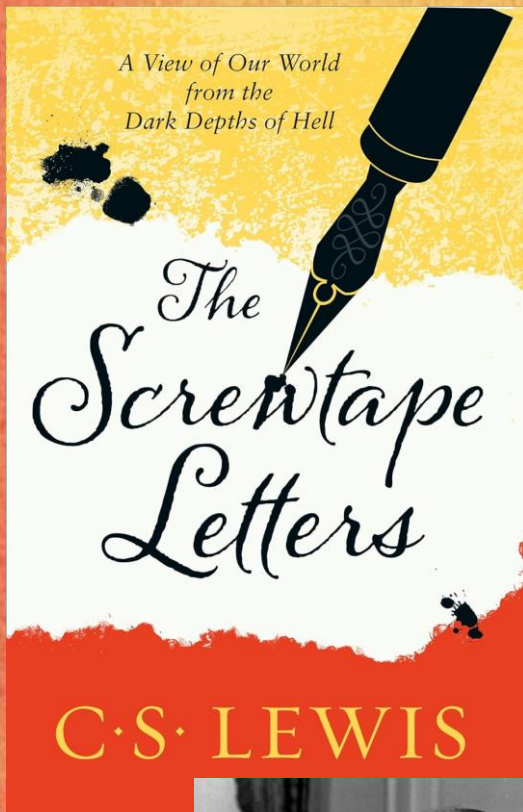
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During the pandemic, my wife and I went on a long neighborhood walk, entering into other zip codes, and met a man sitting on the front steps of his house. His hair and clothes were maybe 57% disheveled—signs of epidemic loneliness. We greeted one another and then he launched into a twenty-minute monologue about space and time and physics and literature and theology and coincidence and fate, all of which ended in him insisting that the very interaction we were having with him wasn't really happening. He said, "We are only the dream inside the dream inside of the dream of a toddler God who has only just begun to understand creation." And maybe it was our collective Covid madness, but I walked away thinking, "Oh, s*** I think that disheveled porch pontiff is telling the truth."

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Colossians 2:8



“There are two equal and opposing errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve their existence. The other is to believe, and feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors, and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.”

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In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins...

Colossians 2:11-13

“I am God Almighty, walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers... This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep. Every male among you shall be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

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So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:26-29

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