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**1 Colossians 3:12-17**

**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.  
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- **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**

**...the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

**Colossians 1:12-14**

**The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For through him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

**Colossians 1:15-20**

**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**

**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  
as you were taught, and  
overflowing with thankfulness.**

**Colossians 2:6-7**

**Therefore**

**do not let anyone judge you  
by what you eat or drink, or  
with regard to a religious festival,  
a New Moon celebration  
or a Sabbath day.**

**These are a shadow  
of the things that were to come;  
the reality, however, is found in Christ.**

**Colossians 2:16-17**

**LEGALISM**

**Do not let anyone  
who delights in false humility and  
the worship of angels  
disqualify you.**

**Such a person  
also goes into great detail  
about what they have seen;  
they are puffed up with idle notions  
by their unspiritual mind.**

**Colossians 2:18-19**

**MYSTICISM**

**Since you died with Christ  
to the elemental spiritual forces of this world,  
why,  
as though you still belonged to the world,  
do you submit to its rules:  
“Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”?  
These rules,  
which have to do with things  
that are all destined to perish with use,  
are based on merely human commands and  
teachings.**

**ASCETICISM**

**Colossians 2:20-23**

**Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,  
set your hearts on things above,  
where Christ is,  
seated at the right hand of God.  
Set your minds on things above,  
not on earthly things.**

**For you died,  
and your life is now hidden  
with Christ in God.**

**When Christ, who is your life, appears,  
then you also will appear with him in glory.**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

**Put to death, therefore,  
whatever belongs to your earthly nature:  
sexual immorality,  
impurity,  
lust,  
evil desires and  
greed, which is idolatry.**

**Because of these,  
the wrath of God is coming.**

**You used to walk in these ways,  
in the life you once lived.**

**Colossians 3:5-7**

**But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these:**

**anger,**

**rage,**

**malice,**

**slander,**

**and filthy language from your lips.**

**Do not lie to each other,**

**since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.**

**Colossians 3:8-10**

**Here there is  
no Gentile or Jew,  
circumcised or uncircumcised,  
barbarian,  
Scythian,  
slave or free,  
but Christ is all,  
and is in all.**

**Colossians 3:11**

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**Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.  
Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Look to the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face always.  
Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,  
you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,  
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.**

**Psalm 105:1-6**

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**...having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.**

**Colossians 2:15**

**As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

**1 Peter 2:4-5**

**“This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”**

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**And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”**

**Mark 11:1**

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**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

**Galatians 5:22-25**

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**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**

**John 3:16-17**

**“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.”**

**Matthew 18:15-17 (NRSV)**

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**Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”**

**Matthew 22:37-40**

**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.**

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**“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. ...the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**

**John 14:15-17, 26-27**

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