

One time a chief city of Phrygia, now in ruins. Church was one time flourishing. Design of teaching to show false doctrine the Jewish zealots, who pressed the necessity of observing the ceremonial law. Mixture of gentile philosophy with ch. principals. Place written in Rome while Paul a prisoner there.

V-1. Paul, and apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother.

A. An apostle of Jesus. prime-minister of Kingdom of Christ,

V-2. To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A. Those who stand in near relation and owe a mutual love.

1. Bearing His image and aiming at his glory.

B. Apostolical benediction is the same as usual..

V-3. We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you.

1. Begins with body of the epistle, and begins with thanksgiving.

a. That they had embraced the gospel, given proof of their fidelity. He directed the praise all to God.

V-4. ~~For~~ Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints.

A. He had not seen them, yet was confirmed to him through reliable sources.

1. Strong faith in Christ.. Love that was abounding to all men.

V-5. For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel.

A. The anticipation, happiness of heaven is called their hope.

1. Well-founded or grounded expectation of the future glory..

a. Hope which maketh not ashamed.. Blessed hope"

V-6. 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 know the grace of God in truth..

A. Was brought to their attention.. Was confirmed by others.

1. The effect it had upon them and others were fruit indeed.

2. Their understanding opened to God's words and his grace.

V-7. As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

V-8. Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

A. He mentions Epaphras with great respect. A laborer in Paul's imprisonment.

B. A dutiful minister.. Served same Master, preached same gospel.

1. One highly respected for his faithfulness.

C. He relayed the unfeigned love people had for him and Paul.

A. He observed that it has abounded everywhere.

V-9. 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 spiritual understanding.

A. He heard they were good, and prayed that they might be better.

1. He was constant in this prayer.

B. Our knowledge of the will of God must be practical.

C. Our knowledge is a blessing when it is in wisdom.

C. Must not be spurred by mere emotions, with fleshly mind.

1. A spiritual understanding as to what the will of God is.

V-10. That ye might ~~be able to~~ walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

A. A conversation without reproach.. above reproof..

B. The walk of holiness would determine the success of our labor our fruits. Our fruits will determine our faithfulness in regards to our love and devotion to God and His kingdom.

V-11. Strengthened with all might according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.

A. Fortified to stand against wiles of devil.

1. Power that worketh in you is exceedingly able.

B. Strengthened in the inner man.. Not to be almighty, but as the occasion arises to discharge our duty or preserve our innocence.

C. That patience may have its perfect work.

D. Suffer long and still have the joy of the Lord.

1. When we bear our troubles well, even though we are tested on every side, by so many circumstance that make it more aggravating..

V-12. Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

A. Our prayers directed to Him, considering the benefits of redemption and all of its implications..

B. With those who have equally shared the inheritance..

1. Who have walked in the light of the gospel..

V-13. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son,

A. Rescued us from heathenish darkness and wickedness.

1. Saved us from dominion of Satan. (prince of darkness.)

B. Brought into light by gospel, made members of the Church of our Lord, called out of darkness into his marvelous light. Eph

1. Made meet to be partakers of the saints in light.

V-14. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

A. Atonement comes through no other than Christ.

1. He provided forgiveness through his death..

V-15. Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature.

A. ~~Christ~~ ^{Christ} made not as man was made in image of God, in his natural faculties and dominion over the creatures, no He is the express image of His person.

B. He is begotten before all creation.. which in the scripture way of representing eternity, I was made from everlasting to everlasting..

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V-16. For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

- A. He made all things out of nothing: highest angel in heaven as well as men upon the earth. Upper and lower worlds.
 1. Different offices or degrees of excellence.
- B. Christ is the arm of the Lord.. all things created by Him.
 1. He is the end and cause of all things.

V-17. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

V-18. And he is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

- A. It is preserved from disbanding and running into confusion.
- B. Not only head of government and direction, but one who has rights to prescribe laws, He in the only vital influence.
- C. Began our salvation by his death, as the finishers by his resurrection... first of rise by His own power...
- D. Will of His Father to have all power in heaven and earth.
- E. We give him preeminence as he is the preeminence, That all men should honor the son, even as they honour the Father.

V-19. For it please the Father that in should all fulness dwell

- A. Not only a fulness of abundance for himself, but redundancy for us, fulness of merits, and righteousness.
 1. We employ him for graces we need, for His intercession.

V-20. And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

- A. Concerning redemption. He speaks of the nature ~~six~~ of it.
 1. Means by which it is obtained.
 2. Or wherein it consist:
 - a. Made to lie in two things.. in remission of sin.
In whom we have redemption, even the forgiveness of sin
 - b. Sin sold me, I was enslaved, God remitted my obligation to punishment.
 - c. He is the mediator of reconciliation, obtaining peace, as well as pardon for sinners.
 3. He will gather together in one all things in Christ, both in heaven and on earth.

V-21. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.

- A. We have the condition by nature, in Gentile state.
 1. Estranged from God, at enmity with God, yet this is all gained
 2. Here we have how our salvation was brought about.
 - a. Through the blood of his cross.

V-22. In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight.

- A. It was the blood which made an atonement, for the blood is the life, and without the shedding of blood, no remission
- B. New term, brought under covenant of grace.,

V-23. If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.

- A. Notice: To whom preached. every creature.
 1. Gospel excludes no one, but those who exclude themselves
- B. He looks upon the great commission, title placed upon him as a gospel carrier.
- C. He did not usurp it, or take it upon himself.. He received it from God as a gift.
- D. He felt keenly obligated to fulfil this heavenly calling.
 1. He warn them about the subtlety of the enemy..
 2. Do not be served by every strange gospel..

V-24. Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church.

- A. He suffered for sake of Christ, and the church.
 1. While he suffered for a good cause, he was able to rejoice in it..
 2. That there would be no lack.. If God ordained it, why should he shrink from it.

V-25. Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

- A. His boast of his call. The pure grace of God working in him to do God's will.
 1. Grace given even though he did not deserve it.
 2. Gift bestowed when he knew that he was not worthy.
 3. That God word might be fruitful in hearts and lives of many

V-26. Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints.

- A. A gospel which was concealed from ages and generations,
- B. In fullness of time it was made known..
- C. Veil over Moses face was done away in Christ.
- D. The lowest in kingdom, can now understand more than the great prophets under the law. the mystery of Christ, which in others ages was not made known into the sons of men, is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prop, by his spirit

V-27. To whom God would make known what is the riches of this glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

V-28. Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ.

V-29. J. Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

- A. God's revelations opened to gentiles. Minister business to unfold what is revealed to him
- B. By preaching and warnings every man be established in all the grace of God.
- C. His labours constrained by holy love, inspiration of Spirit.. God working in and through him..
 1. His intent to help others in the faith.

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- V-1. **For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;**
- Even though has no hand in starting this church, yet he had a tremendous burden for these people, he fear what would become of them.
 - His concern likens to ours about our missionaries, and workers whom we have never seen in the flesh, yet we contribute and pray for their welfare.. Pattern after our Master...
- V-2. **That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father and of Christ.**
- The Apostle was solicitous about their spiritual well-being.
 - Did not say: they might be rich, healthy, great, prosperous
 - Might understand what was before hidden, concealed, how the gentiles were called into this grace, etc.
 - To full assurance: well-settled judgment, how they had embraced the gospel of the Lord, as Jh. had no doubt of their belief.
 - Not only the acceptance of it, but willing to confess it with their mouths..
 - The more intimate we are with christian brothers, the closer we are knitted to one another in love.
 - The stronger our faith, the warmer our love.
 - There is a fullness of wisdom.. as he has revealed the will of God to mankind.
 - We must draw from our heavenly reserve, (treasure) which are hidden in Him..
- V-3. **In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**
- Those who would be wise and knowing must make their application in Christ..
 - Many things are laid up for those who love Him..
 - He is the source of all knowledge, etc.
- V-4. **And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.**
- A warning given.. Must take heed.. False prophets, teachers.
 - Men who would wrest the scriptures..
 - Called wind of doctrine.. fly by night preacher..
 - Radio appeals.. Armstrong.. Calif..
 - Soft spoken, yet beguiling.. ILL. Serpent beg. Eve..
 - Disguising and fair appearances of evil principals..

Good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of simple
- V-5. **For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.**
- May be present in spirit from those you are not in contact with physically.
 - Their order, steadfastness are matter of joy to the minister.
 - Our devotion to Christ reveals the order of conversation.
 - Unwavering, unswerving in love, devotion, service.
- V-6. **As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him:**
- Christ our sovereign, resurrected Lord, to obey and be subject.

- Walk in Him.. So walk in daily conversation..
 - Nothing evil to say.. Your practice conformable to His principals.
 - The best witness to conversion is a compelling christ-like walk..
- V-7. **Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.**
- A good godly life is the best example of a good faith.
 - Must be rooted in conversion, before built up in holy faith.
 - To be established, settled, strengthened, in faith, depends upon our improvement in learning, instruction, teaching...
 - Faith cometh by hearing, word of God, etc.
 - Praises and thanksgiving will automatically come..
- V-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.**
- A future admonition given: there are sound speech and philosophies that are highly servicable to religion, such as the study of the works of God, etc.
 - There are some Phy. that are in competition with religion..
 - As Jews judged their religion on saying, tradition of men.
 - Many religions today.. Catholics, etc.
 - Jewish teachers wanted to keep up with law of Moses in conjunction with the gospel of Christ.
- V-9. **For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the godhead bodily.**
- That in Christ is all the substance of shadows of ceremonial law: As they had Shechinah, or special presence of God, called the glory.. So have we now in Jesus Christ.
 - Presence of God dwelt between the cherubim, cloud covered mercy seat, but now it swells in person of our Redeemer,
- V-10. **And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.**
- Christ is all in all. Being a partaker of His divine nature
 - We assume some of those heavenly attributes.
- V-11. **In whom also ye are circumcised with circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision.. of Christ..**
- Jews were external rites, and they thought themselves complete in the ceremonial laws..
 - Made without hands. washing of regeneration, renewing of H.G.
 - Old man put off which is corrupt, etc.
 - He is a Jew who is one inwardly, not of the flesh..
 - Old man crucified, body of sin be destroyed, etc.
 - Old covenant weak, Law of Moses insufficient, for good cons.
- V-12. **Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.**
- Spiritual baptism, sign of His covenant, Body of sin buried, spirit of life which is divine operation..
 - The life now lived, is testimony of a spiritual baptism..
 - This is a zeal of His imputed righteousness..

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1. The first thing that I should mention is that I have been thinking about you a great deal lately. I hope you are well and happy. I have been thinking about you a great deal lately. I hope you are well and happy. I have been thinking about you a great deal lately. I hope you are well and happy.

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- V-13. **And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;**
- A. Apostle presents the privilege we have over the Jews.
 1. Christ's death is our life. **hath quickened.**
 - B. **Dead in sin..** as death of body is separation from soul, so death of soul is separation from God. So sin corrupt and depraves the soul..
 1. A habitual sinner is morally impotent. sin.
 - C. Christ resurrection assures us of being raised from death of
- V-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 the cross;**
- A. He obtained for us a legal discharge from the handw. of ordinance
 1. Curse of law is like handwriting.. Belshazzar's wall.
 - a. It threatens our eternal ruin..
 2. He cancelled this obligation to those who believe, repent.
 - B. Took it out of the way: our inward corruption, condemnation, all crucified with Christ.
 - C. All ceremonial institutions, etc, yoke to Jews, and a part of the wall to Gentiles.. Take away.. Hallelujah..
 1. All abolished..
- V-15. **And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.**
- A. A scored a glorious victory over power of darkness, etc.
 1. All were conquered and disarmed by the dying redeemer..
 2. Bruising of heel of Christ in his sufferings was the breaking of the serpent's head.
 - B. **He spoiled them:** Put them to open shame, public display
 1. All this was wrought by our glorious Saviour..
- V-16. **Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath day**
- A. Take heed of Judaizing teachers who would impose upon Christians to assume yoke of ceremonialism..
 - B. Since Christ has come and cancelled ceremonial law, we ought not to keep it up.. Let none impose it upon you..
 1. Since they were a shadow of the good things to come..
 2. Difference of law and grace, they have shadow, we substance
- V-17. **Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ**
- A. Forgoing statements.
- V-18. **Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath no seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.**
- A. Looks like a piece of modesty to make use of the mediations of angels, revealing our unworthiness to speak immediately to God. However this has a show of humility.
 1. It was more or less invention of man, not divine revelation
 - C. **Intruding into etc.** Pretended to know the order of angels and their functioning, pride was at bottom of this,
 1. They advanced these notions to gratify their carnal fancy
- V-19. **And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together increaseth with the increase of God.**
- A. The head is Christ and to disclaim this is to be in error.
 - B. Christ holds His church together, knit into one..
 1. As the several members of the body are united to the head, and receive life and nourishment from him..
 2. The church of Christ is a growing body.. increase etc.
- V-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.**
- A. If you are dead from these, Why are you subject to them.?
 - B. Don't let your religion be boring. unaccepted by others..
 - C.
- V-21. **Touch not; taste not; handle not;**
- A. Was forbidden under law to touch dead body, or anything offered to idols, person was polluted.. unclean..
 1. Why should you harass your mind, etc.
22. **Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandment of man and doctrine of men?**
- A. Since they are perishing and passing away... won't satisfy.
23. **Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh..**
- A. A show of wisdom: trying to keep up with law, and gospel,
 1. Neglecting the body by abstaining from meats, etc.
 - B. Since Christians are free from ritual observances of Moses' law, delivered from that yoke of bondage, why then should a person deprive themselves of free grace.. ~~not~~ not the bondage they desire to be in..
 - C. They are only putting Christ in the background, thus imposing and invading the authority of Christ, the head of the church, and introducing another law of commandments contained in the old ordinances..
 1. It is true wisdom to keep the appointment of the gospel.

V-8. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemous communication out of your mouth.

- A. This new religion introduces a new life. anger, wrath is contrary to gospel design. malice is even worst..because it is more rooted and deliberate.. **Blasphemy**, not so much as speaking ill of God, but of men, hurting their good name
- B. **Filthy comm.**, all lewd and wanton discourse, which comes from a polluted mind..thus defile others contacted.

V-9. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

- A. Lying make us like the Devil (father of lies)
1. We are cautioned against this awful sin.

V-10. And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.

- A. When the old man is crucified, so is his deeds..The new man follows the pattern of the divine Son of God.
1. Not only by espoused to a good principle but act them in good conversation, or deportment.
2. The image of Christ was defaced by sin, but regained by the sanctifying influence of grace.. as with Adam as the day he was created.

V-11. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but Christ is all, and in all.

- A. Since the scriptures concluded that all under sin, so that in every land, country, the great duty demanding and pressing that we might be free in Christ.
1. One has just as much privilege as the other to find, and follow Christ.

- B. Christ came to take all partitions walls, that all might be and stand on the same level before God, in Christ..
1. That as He that sanctifyeth all might be one. and He all in all.

2. Being all things to all men.. the Alpha and Omega.

V-1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

- A. Since we have been risen, death of old man, newness of life.
1. The golden privilege inferred.
- B. Seeking should be our scope and aim towards heaven.
1. The will of God.. mind of Christ..
- C. Where Christ sitteth, highly exalted, with highest dignity, and honour....Must live victoriously on earth to please Christ

V-2. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth

- A. With a fixed purpose.. A holy resolve.. Where our hearts are, there will also be our treasures..
1. Earth is transient.. will dissolve and things therein..
- a. Things seen are tangible, not seen eternal..

V-3. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

- A. We are dead to present things..not unmindful of them.
1. We are so in profession and obligation; we are planted in likeness of Christ, every christian is crucified unto the world and the world is crucified unto them..
- B. Our true life lies in the other world.
1. The new man is born and nourished from above.
2. Hid in Christ, in point of secrecy, but hid for us, denoting security..may enter through gates into city. Heaven reserved for saints of God.

V-4. ~~Because ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ~~ When Christ who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

- A. Because of second coming of Christ we hope for the perfection of our happiness.
1. To continue to have this hope: "must purify ourselves even as He is pure"
2. Second rest is promised to those resting in faith, working in obedience, etc.
1. The same Spirit that raised Christ from dead, us also.

V-5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil-concupiscence, and covetousness, which idolatry;

- A. Paul exhorts people to the mortification of sin, which is the great hinderance in desiring heaven.
1. Subdue the vicious habits, kill them, as you do weeds or vermin which spread and destroy all about them..
2. Lust of flesh..... Love of world.... Cleanse ourselves.
- (They that are Christ has crucified the flesh, with affliction)

V-6. For which things sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

- A. Disobedience of this incurs the penalty of it.
1. Sins he mentions were their sin in their heathen and idolatrous state, these sins brought judgment upon them.

V-7. In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

- A. In the path ye walk, not walk any more.
- B. It would be hard to walk in darkness, live in malice.
- C. 1. The life was joyless then, but now there is the difference.

By which we will now see in the foregoing verses..

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- V-12. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering.
- A. Our conduct should correspond with our profession in every area of life. Before God and man..
1. What we are to put on:
 - a. Compassion towards the miserable:
 - b. Bowels of mercy, the tenderness of mercy, since we owe so much to mercy, we ought to be merciful. Blessed
 - c. Kindness: a courteous disposition becomes the elect, in order to sweeten others, promote friendship..
 - d. Humbleness of mind: condescend to ~~superiors~~, to those beneath us, and submissive to those above us, etc.
 - e. Meekness: towards those who provoke us, or injurious to us, must not try and retaliate in any manner.
 - f. Longsuffering: Charity suff. long. we may bear the strain for a little season when provoked, but we should ask God for this to continue to suffer for His sake.
- V-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.
- A. Mutual forbearance, in consideration of the infirmities, and deficiencies under which we all labour:
1. Forbearing one another: In disagreement, to bounce back, we will in turn be met with the same force.
 2. Forgiving one another: since there is so much to make us differ with another, sometimes quarrels will happen, the flesh weakens, Paul and ~~Silas~~ Barnabas, shapp content Peter and Paul concerning circumcision...
 3. Consdiering that we have been forgiven by Christ, so we must in like manner forgive others.
 - a. We ar obliged to carry out principals of Bible. Matt 6
- V-14. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
- A. Let this be the upper garment, the robe, the mark of dignity, and distinction.. By this we enforce the second table. add to your virtue, and to brotherly-kindness charity. 2 Pet 1:5
- B. He lays the foundation in faith, and the top-stone in charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
- V-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.
- A. Follow peace.. live peaceable, that keeps peace and makes peace, Let this peace rule your heart
1. Being united in one body, we are called to live in peace.
 2. in stead of being envious, be thankful, for all of his divine mercies extended to you..
- V-16. Let the word of Christ dwell in yourichly in all wisdom; teaching and admonish ng one another in psalms and hymns

and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

- A. The gospel is the word of Christ, which has come to us.
1. We must be guided by it, and take instructions from it.
 2. It should be the master of our household..
- B. We must be familiar with it, acquainted with it, and know it for our good.
1. It must dwell richly.. keep house in our hearts, but a good house..
 - a. When it dwells poorly in hearts, the life drags.
 2. Must dwell: not in notions are ppeculation, to make us doctors...but in all wisdom, to make us good christians.
- C. Teaching and admonishing:
1. We help ourselves in helping others.. We sharpen our spiritual tools, and improve our knowelge .
 2. We are taught spiritual songs.. Not the "Beattles" rumba, or Mr. Presley's hum-bug.
- V-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.
- A. Whatever is directly in harmony with His divine will.
1. In accordance to his command, and in compliance with the sacred scriptures.
- B. Yours words must lift Christ.
- C. Your deeds must glorfy God which is in heaven..
- When we honor the son, God obligates himself to honor us.
- D. By so doing we offer thanks to God for His blessing, for his leadership.
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- V-18. **Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.**
- A. He concludes the chapter with exhortations to relative duties.
- B. **Wives submit**, Submission is duty of wives. It is the same words used to express our duty to magistrates..Rom 13:1 **Let every soul be subject to the higher powers.**
1. The reason: **Adam first formed, then Eve..Adam was not deceived, but the woman.** Adam was first in creation and last in transgression.. 1 Tim 2:13. **The head of the woman is the man..**
 2. It is agreeable to the order of nature and the reason of things, as well as the appointment and will of God.
 - a. Submission, not to a rigorous lord, or absolute tyrant But to her own husband..
- V-19. **Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.**
- A. Must love them with tender and faithful affection.
1. Even as themselves.. Eph 5:25.
- B. Treat them kindly, not as beast, or with severe treatment.
1. Not being dictatorial, To love with warmest care..
 2. Be not bitter towards them.. Does not give a woman lead to neglect her home, husband, children with out being reprimanded.. All done in the perfect realm of christian circle.
- V-20. **Children ,obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.**
- A. They are required to honour as well as obey their parents.
- B. They must be willing to do all their lawful commands
1. Without reluctance, or to be forced.
- C. Well-pleasing to God.. For it is the first commandment with promise.. long life, and peace.. Eph 6:2.
1. Dutiful children are most likely to prosper in the world
- D. It is not as we suppose, or what we think, it is the will of God.
- V-21. **Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.**
- A. Let not your authority over them be exercised with rigour and severity, but with kindness. For their good, welfare.
1. **Hard to tell**. children anything these days..
- B. Sometimes a parent can become a stumbling-block in way of children..
1. It is the tenderness of parents, and dutifulness of children, that God ordinarily furnishes his church with a seed to serve Him, and propagates religion from age to age.

- V-22. **Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God.**
- A. They are to obey and serve in all things which are consistent with their duty to God their heavenly Master.
1. Not with eye-service. Not when Master's eyes are upon them but when not, with all diligence and justice.
 2. Singleness of heart: without selfish designs..or hypocrisy or disguise.
 1. The fear of God in the heart, will make people good in all relations. Do it cheerfully, not discontent with the work of God, which put you in this relation.
- B. It sanctifieth a servant's work when it is done to the glory of God.
- V-23. **And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;**
- A. We are doing our duty when we are faithful to men, for we do it unto God.
1. Since God knows our heart and intent, be faithful.
- V-24. **Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Jesus.**
- A. Serving your master loyally, ye serve Christ..
1. Clean church, scrub floors, clean windows, do it cheerfully, uncomplainingly.
 2. A promise of rewards awaits all good and faithful servants.
 3. Our pay day will come around.
- V-25. **But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.**
- A. Though one may conceal a wrong from his master, mother, or wife, or husband, shall receive punishment accordingly
- B. God does not overlook the least of man's sin.
1. A judgement shall ~~reveal~~ reveal what sort of work a man has, whether good or evil.

- V-1. **Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.**
- Strict justice is required of them.. also kindness, etc.
 - Don't require more than they can possibly perform.
 - Allow them liberties as may fit them for better services.
 - They who are masters, have a Master
You are both servants of the Lord in the different relations in which you stand.
- V-2. **Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;**
- If we link this with forgoing verse, then it is our duty to pray for those in authority, especially over us.
 - Not only obey, be kind and good, but concern for soul.
 - Be constant in prayer, so easy to be diverted by buisness.
 - Watch in the same: select special time for prayer..
 - When most suitable, and when in proper frame of mind.
 - With thnaksiving: an acknowlegment of mercies recieved.
- V-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:**
- Must pray partical for ministers..
 - That opportuniyes of preaching gospel become more prominent.
 - That these opp. be realized. God working through us, etc.
 - For this reason he spent time in prison, etc.
- V-4. **That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak,**
- That I might make these mystries plain and easy to understand
 - He wanted and needed more than anything to be inspired when he preach and taught the scriptures.
- V-5. **Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.**
- Use discretion, be prudent when conversing with the sinner, be careful not to offend, nor to be take by quile.
 - Take every opp. seize every time possible to present the good news, or give a favorable testimony to all.
 - Make full use of your time..
- V-6. **Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.**
- Let all of yourconvesation be season, discreet, savoury,
 - Salt preserves, let the words of you r mouth be a means of lifting someone from moral decay, putrefaction.
 - Grace is the salt that make our conversation savoury, and keep corruption from our inviroment.
 - We need special grace to properly answer man's questions, and objections of adversaries against our religion.
 - Must be ever ready..alway on the alert, on guard..etc.
- V-7. **All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant int the Lor**
- It seems like Tychicus was well familiar with the life and character, and activities of Paul..
 - Paul's comments about this lovely character, and co-labour
 - Add beauty to gospel ministry when ministers esteem anothe and love abounds..and not jealously.

- V-8. **Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;**
- Since they were unable to hear from Paul, he was desirous to know all about them, and to send them words of greetings, and blessings. A wonderful comformt to have mutual concern.
- V-9. **With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.**
- Onesimus was one who was won by Paul, a runaway slave.
 - Now a christian brother and fellow labourer, though a poor man, and bad, yet Paul addresses him as a brother.
 - By the mouth of two witnesses every word would be confirmed.
 - How wonderful to give in detail the works accomplished by a group of loyal and devoted christians.
- V-10. **Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye recieved commandments; if he come unto you receive him;)**
- Paul had a special affection for those who laboured with him in the gospel..He highly commended them.
 - Those Paul and Barnabas had their differencnes conceirning Mark, yet they became reconciled, and manifest a good and favorably spirit.
- V-11. **And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcisi These only are my fellowworkers unto the kindgom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.**
- Jesus must have been his jewish name, and justus his Roman or latin name..
 - They had such sweet communion as fellow ministers.
 - They had assisted one antoehr in their needs, was indeed a tremendous help and encouragment in sufferins, etc.
- V-12. **Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, salueth yo always labouring fevently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.**
- Epaphras was constantly engaged in prayer for Paul and the people, he consistently and feverently prayed for their spiritual welfare, that they might know what is the perfect will of God and follow it.
- V-13. **For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are at Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.**
- His prayers extended to other cities besides his place of labors. His concern for others were more general.
 - He believe in home and fagien missions, and missonaries.
- V-14. **Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you**
- V-15. **Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and t church which is in his house.**
- V-16. **And when this epistã is read also in the church of the Laod icenas; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.**
- V-17. **And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry whivh thou hast recieved in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.**
- V-18. **The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Rememver my bonds, grace be with you. Amen.**
- A glorious summary of the works, acts, and character Paul commented on.. His desire to mention all, and exclude none.

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