

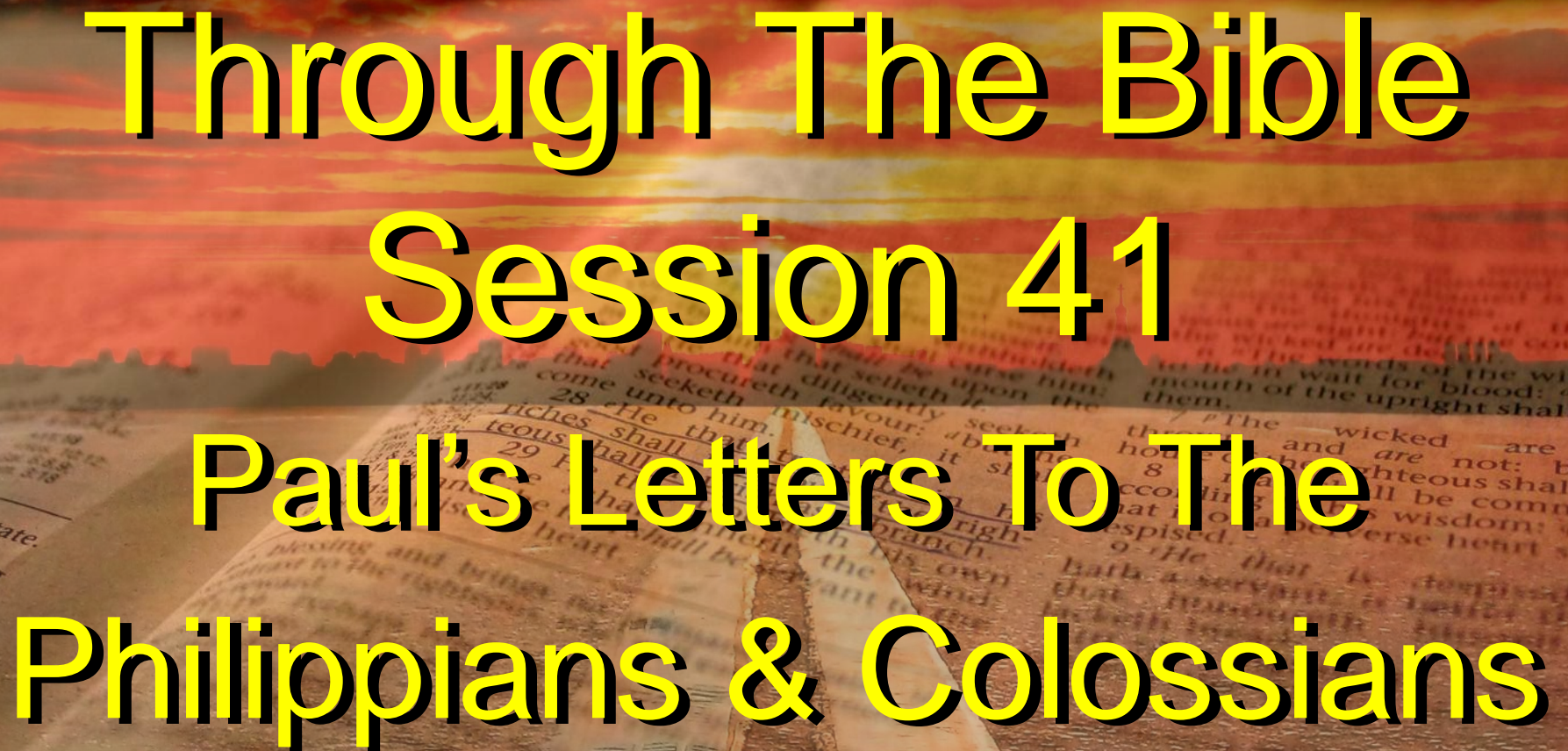
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# Through The Bible

## Session 41

### Paul's Letters To The Philippians & Colossians

*From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny*

# New Testament

Gospels & Acts - 5

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

**7 Churches**

**Pastoral**

Paul's Epistles - 13

Romans

1, 2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1, 2 Thessalonians

1, 2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

**"Prison Epistles"**

Hebrew Epistles - 8

Hebrews

James

1, 2 Peter

1, 2, 3 John

Jude

Prophetic - 1

Revelation

# Perfect Contentment

II Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

**Philippians 4:11**

# The Letters of Paul

- |    |               |                  |
|----|---------------|------------------|
| 1. | Thessalonians | Spring 50; 50-51 |
| 2. | 1 Corinthians | Spring 55        |
|    | 1 Timothy     | Fall 55          |
|    | 2 Corinthians | Spring 56        |
| 3. | Galatians     | Fall 56          |
| 4. | Romans        | Spring 57        |
|    | Titus         | Fall 57          |
| 5. | Philippians   | Summer 58        |
| 6. | Colossians    | Summer 58        |
| 7. | Ephesians     | Summer 58        |
|    | 2 Timothy     | Fall 58          |



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey: Greece

Paul re visits the Churches he planted on his 1<sup>st</sup> journey,

Paul tries to go to Bithynia, but is blocked by the Holy Spirit

At night, Paul has a vision: a Macedonian urges him to come to help

At this point Luke joins them: They sail for Macedonia.

Paul arrives at Philippi and is imprisoned

Acts 16:6-7

Acts 16:8-10

Acts 16:20-31

# Philippians

- 1<sup>st</sup> church in Europe
- Paul had a vision to go to Macedonia
  - Acts 16:9-15
- There was not even a Jewish Synagogue in Philippi
  - 12 men was the minimum requirement
- Paul preached by the river on the Sabbath
- Lydia responded to Paul and the church at Philippi was born!
- Paul then delivers a girl from a spirit of divination, which leads to their arrest

# Imprisonment at Philippi

- 16** And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:
- 17** The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

**Acts 16:16-19**



# Imprisonment at Philippi

- 18** And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.
- 19** And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,

**Acts 16:16-19**

# Imprisonment at Philippi

- 20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,*
- 21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.*
- 22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.*

**Acts 16:20-31**

# Imprisonment at Philippi

- 23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:*
- 24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.*

**Acts 16:20-31**

# Philippians

- Theme: Joy through suffering
  - Joy/rejoice/rejoicing occur 17x
- Paul had been a living example...

# Imprisonment at Philippi

- 25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.*
- 26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.*

**Acts 16:20-31**

# Imprisonment at Philippi

- 27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.*
- 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.*

**Acts 16:20-31**

# Imprisonment at Philippi

- 29* Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,
- 30* And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
- 31* And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

**Acts 16:20-31**

# Overview

- Christ our life Chapter 1
- Christ our mind Chapter 2
- Christ our goal Chapter 3
- Christ our strength Chapter 4

Chuck Missler



# Overview

- Paul's greeting, praise, and prayer 1:1–11
- Imprisonment, prospects, call to persevere 1:12–30
- Unity through Christ's example of humility and sacrifice 2:1–16
- The Christ-like example of Paul et al 2:17–30
- Warning against false teachers 3:1–3
- Paul's heritage and personal achievements renounced for Christ 3:4–21
- Appeal to live a disciplined life 4:1–9
- Thanks for financial gifts from the saints 4:10–20
- Closing greetings 4:21–23

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# The Book of Philippians

## Chapter 1

# Dual Citizenship

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints **in Christ Jesus** which are **at Philippi**, with the bishops and deacons:

<sup>2</sup> **Grace** be unto you, and **peace**, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:1-6

- Siamese twins of the NT
- ...but Grace is always before Peace!
- Two addresses: Abiding in Christ/Philippi
  - Our primary address is in Christ

# Bearing Burdens

- 3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,
- 4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,
- 5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

Philippians 1:1-6

- They had stood with Paul, he stands with them

# Precious Promises

<sup>6</sup> Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Philippians 1:1-6

- Building on the teaching of Galatians, not only is Christ our Salvation...
- He is our Sanctification
- It is His work!

# Pastor's Perspective

<sup>10</sup> That ye may approve things that are excellent;  
that ye may be sincere and without offence till the  
day of Christ;

Philippians 1:10

- Paul's desire was that they would be getting ready for that day
  - Approve Mind
  - Be sincere Heart
  - Without Offense Soul

# Win Win

- 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*
- 22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.*
- 23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:*

Philippians 1:21-23

- Whatever our circumstances, whether we live or die, it is all about and all for Christ

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# The Book of Philippians

## Chapter 2



# The Mind of Christ

- 1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,*
- 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*

Philippians 2:1-11

# The Mind of Christ

- 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Philippians 2:1-11

# The Mind of Christ

- 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Philippians 2:1-11

# The Mind of Christ

- 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Philippians 2:1-11

# The Mind of Christ

- IO That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*
- II And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 2:1-11

# Code of Conduct

- I4** Do all things without murmurings and disputings:
- I5** That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Philippians 2:14-15



# The Book of Philippians

## Chapter 3

# Losing to Win

- 7 But *what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.*
- 8 *Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,*

Philippians 3:7-14



# Losing to Win

- 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
- 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Philippians 3:7-14

# Destined to Graduate

- II If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.*
- I2 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 3:7-14

# The Great Upward Call

- I3** Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
- I4** I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:7-14



# The Book of Philippians

## Chapter 4

# Rejoice!

4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

Philippians 4:4

# All Things

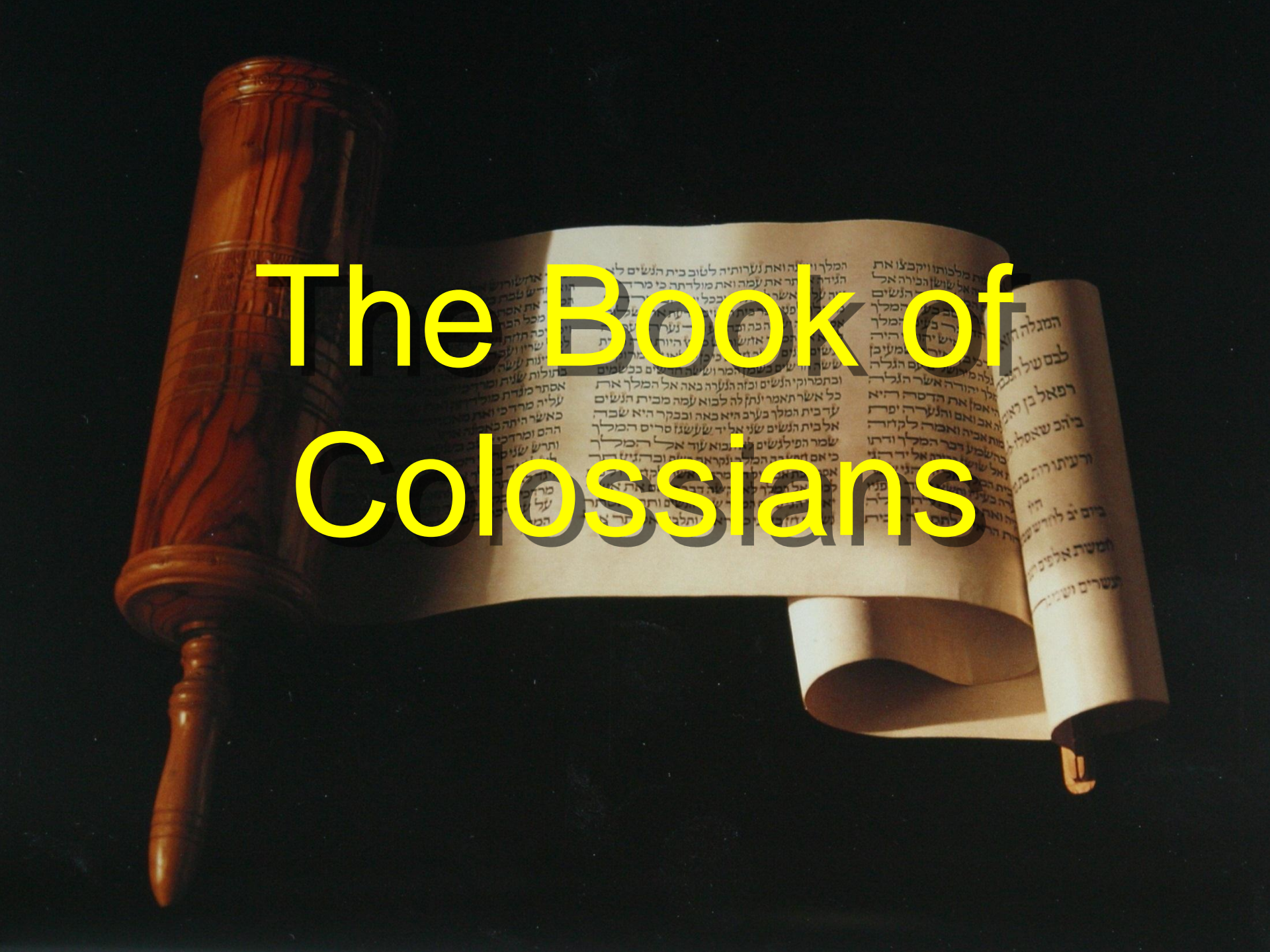
**13** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

# Everything You Need

- <sup>19</sup> But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
- <sup>20</sup> Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:19-20



# The Book of Colossians



# Colossians

- *“Colossians is perhaps the most Christ-centered book in the Bible. In it Paul stresses the pre-eminence of the Person of Christ and the completeness of the salvation He provides”*

# Colossians

- Written by Paul from a prison cell in Rome
- He met a runaway slave named Onesimus who belonged to Philemon,
  - one of the leaders of the church at Colossae.
- Paul led him to Christ, and then wrote to Philemon, asking his friend to forgive Onesimus and receive him back as a brother in Christ.
  - This is the background for the letter of Philemon

# Colossians

- At the same time, Epaphras showed up in Rome because he needed Paul's help.
- In his status report, some new doctrines were being taught in Colossae and were invading the church and creating problems.
- Paul writes to the Church at Colossae in response to the Gnostics
  - Epaphras remained with Paul in Rome (Col 4:12-13).
  - Onesimus and Tychicus carried Paul's epistles to their destinations

# Colossians

- Introduction 1:1-14
- Pre-eminence of Christ 1:15-2:3
- Freedom in Christ 2:4-23

Doctrinal

- Position of the believer 3:1-4
- Practice of the believer 3:5-4:6
- Conclusion 4:7-18

Practical

- What Christ did for us
- What Christ does through us

# The Church of Colosse

They were:

- Faithful
- Loving
- Full of hope
- Grounded in the Word
- Fruit bearing
- Strong

# The Church of Colosse

What was their secret?

- Their focus
- Because of the reality of the future, that gave purpose to the present



# The Book of Colossians

## Chapter 1

# Divine Appointment

I Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ **by the will of God**

Colossians 1:1

- We are who we are by the will of God combined with our obedience to His calling
- God will never act to violate our free will

Psalm 37:23 *The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord*

Prov 3:4-5 *...He shall direct your paths*



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 ye have to all the saints,

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;

Colossians 1:3-4

- 'For' **Gr. *dia*** lit. *Because of...*
- 'Hope' **Gr. *elpis*** lit. *Expectation, Confidence*
- 'Laid up' **Gr. *Apokeimai*** lit. *Stored away*

<sup>6</sup> 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 knew the grace of God in truth:

Colossians 1:6

- Their confident expectation of what is stored away in Heaven, as revealed in the Word, is motivating them to bring forth good fruit (good works)

# Treasure in Heaven

- Is this symbolic treasure?
- Or something tangible?
- You cannot offer a symbolic reward!

# The Believer's Job Description

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

Colossians 1:9-12

# The Believer's Job Description

- II Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;*
- I2 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:*
- I3 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*

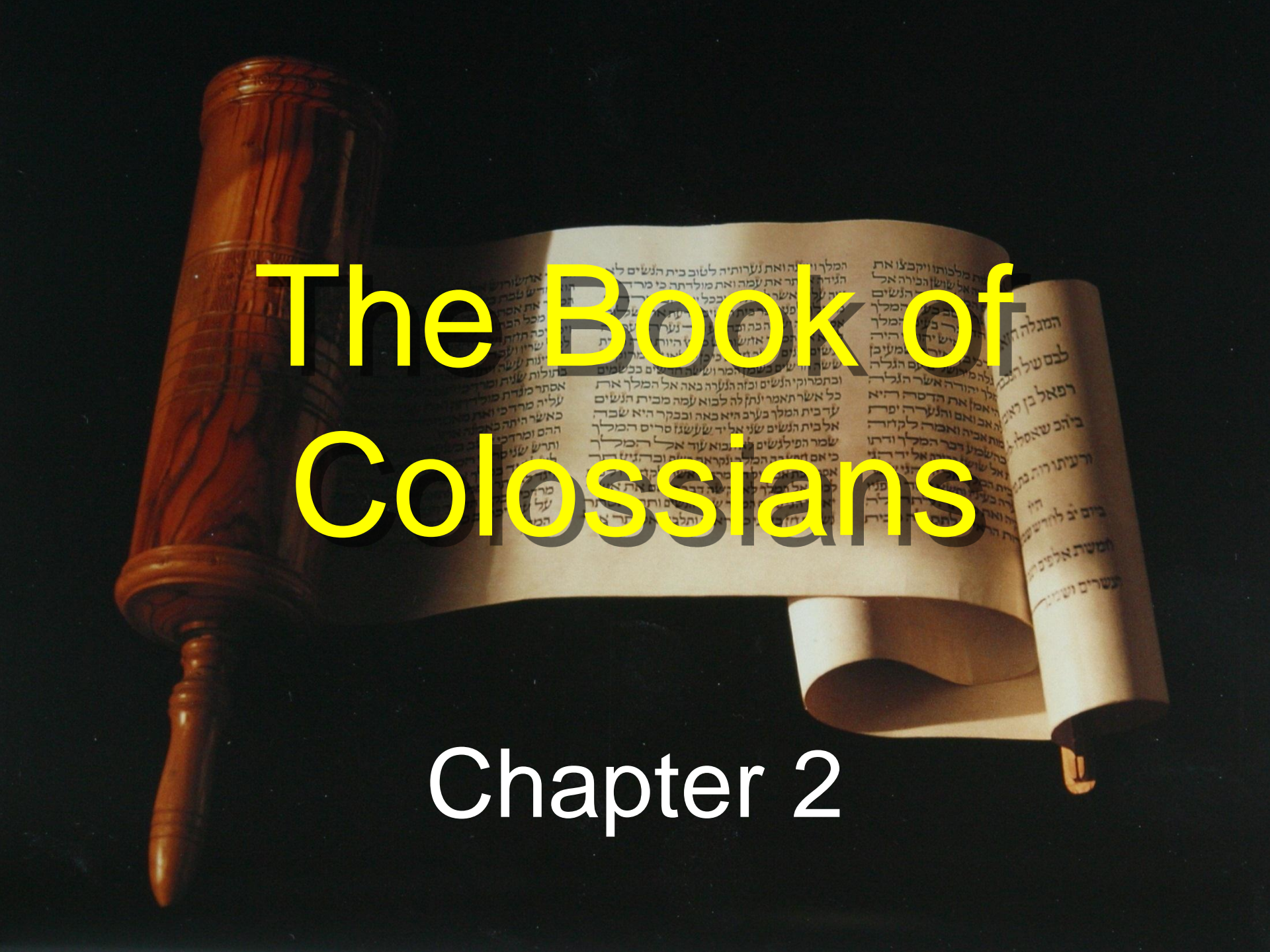
*Colossians 1:9-12*

# The Source & Sustainer

**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:

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

Colossians 1:16-17



# The Book of Colossians

## Chapter 2

# Judicially Pardoned

- I3** And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;
- I4** 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 his cross;

Colossians 2:13-14



# Judicially Pardoned

<sup>15</sup> And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2:15

# Types & Shadows

*I6 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 days:*

*I7 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.*

*Colossians 2:16-17*

- All the feast as shadows of something greater

# Types & Shadows

- Passover
- Unleavened Bread
- Firstfruits

- Christ died...
- was buried...
- ...and rose again

- Weeks

- Pentecost

- Trumpets
- Atonement
- Tabernacles

- Trumpet Judgments
- Restoration of Israel
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

# The Feast of Harvest

a.k.a. *Pentecost*

I And when the day of Pentecost was fully come...

Acts 2:1

*“The words ‘fully come’ could be translated ‘fulfilled.’ When the Day of Pentecost was being fulfilled, they were all together in one place”.* J Vernon McGee

# The Feast of Harvest

<sup>15</sup> And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:  
<sup>16</sup> Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a **new meat offering** unto the LORD.

Leviticus 23:15-22

# The Feast of Harvest

- The first instruction was that a new מִנְחָה *minchah* [min-khaw] offering was to be brought
  - translated ‘meat’ in the KJV
  - It was a sacrificial offering, usually bloodless and voluntary
- This Feast therefore speaks of something new that was to be voluntarily presented to the LORD.

# The Feast of Harvest

<sup>17</sup> Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.

Leviticus 23:15-22

- That which was to be presented was to come out of the houses of Israel
- From whence came the Church?



# The Feast of Harvest

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Leviticus 23:15-22

- Two: The number of witness
- Double offering?
- Double fulfilment?

# The Feast of Harvest

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**Leviticus 23:15-22**

- Fine Flour: carefully ground and sifted to remove all impurities, bran and husks

# Fine Flour

- 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*
- 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*
- 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

**Ephesians 5:25-27**

# The Feast of Harvest

- This is the only Feast where leaven is to be used
- Leaven speaks of sin
  - Because it corrupts by puffing up (1 Cor 5:8)
- Whereas Israel were to be separate from the world - 'uncontaminated'
- The Church is to grow to maturity...

*...in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation,  
among whom ye shine as lights in the world*

Phil 2:15

# The Feast of Harvest

- Finis Jennings Dake comments:
- *“No bread made with leaven could be burned upon the altar (Lev 2:11), so the object was not a burnt offering; this was a present to Jehovah from the best produce of the earth”.*
- The Church is not destined to be consumed on the altar of God’s wrath, but instead is a gift from the Father to His Son of those He (the Father) draws out of the world (cf. John 6:44).

# The Feast of Harvest

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Leviticus 23:15-22

# Firstfruits

**18** Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth,  
that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

James 1:18

# The Feast of Harvest

<sup>21</sup> And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

Leviticus 23:15-22



# The Feast of Harvest

- When a person is born again they enter into their eternal rest in Christ;
- No longer are they to labour by their own efforts for reward, for Christ has done it all.
- The writer to the Hebrews comments:

*... For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his*

Hebrews 4:10



# The Book of Colossians

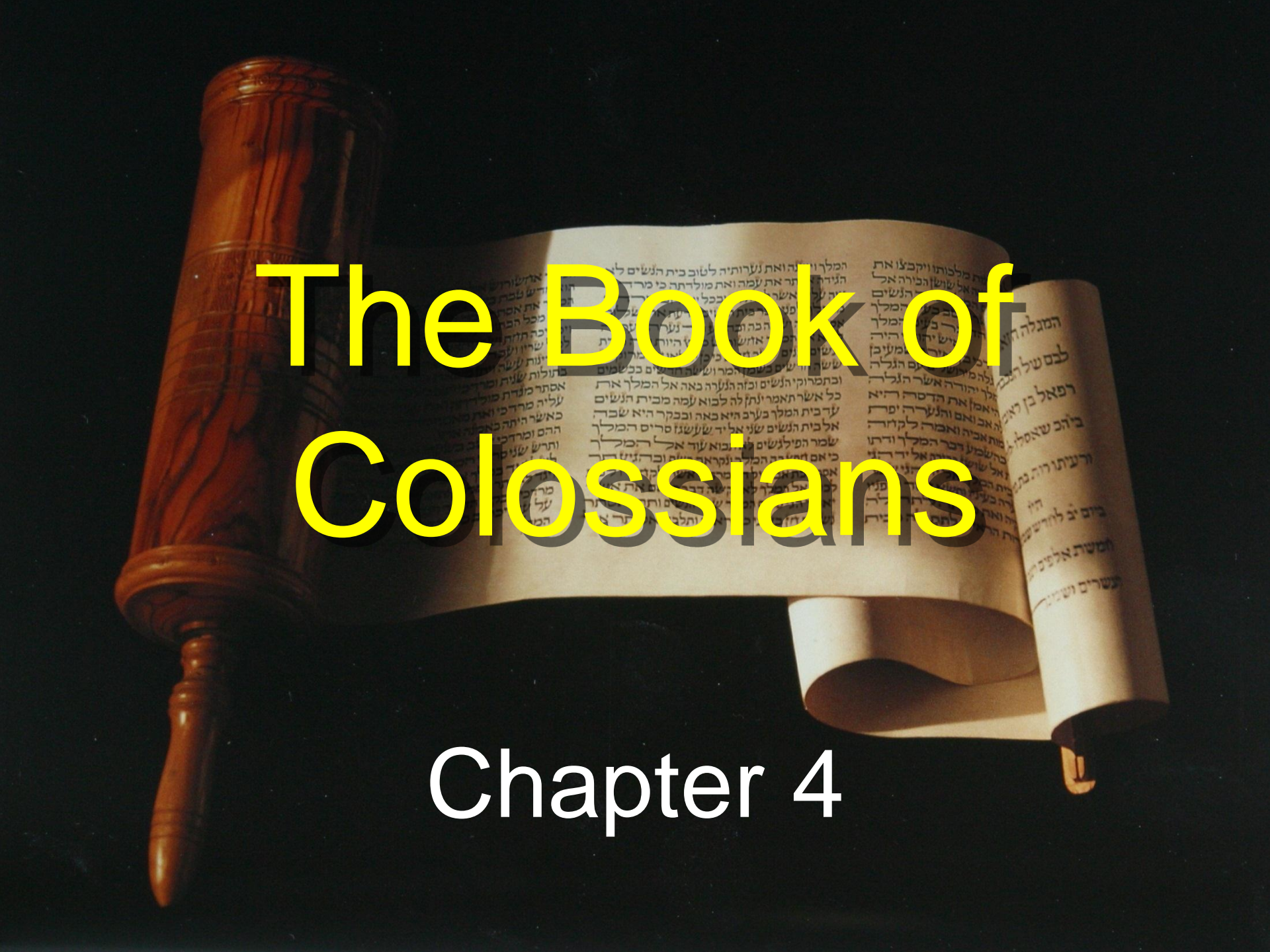
## Chapter 3

# Practical Instructions

- Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. v2
- But now ye also put off all these... v8
- Put on therefore... v12
- And let the peace of God rule in your hearts v15
- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom v16
- 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. v17

# Practical Instructions

- Wives, submit to your own husbands v18
- Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. v19
- Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. v20
- Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. v21
- Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: v22
- And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; v23



# The Book of Colossians

## Chapter 4

*I Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;*

Colossians 4:2

- Pray
- Watch
- Be Thankful



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