

Colossians 2

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Paul's Concern for the Colossians

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;

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

Freedom in Christ

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

7 Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

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.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

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.

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;

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 his cross;

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

Warning Against False Philosophy

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 days:

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

18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

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.

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,

21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

Faith — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

Sin — ἀμαρτία (Hamartia)

Sin, missing the mark

The Greek **hamartia** (ἀμαρτία) means sin—missing the target of God's perfection. 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23), requiring Christ's atoning sacrifice.

Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

CROSS REFERENCES

Colossians 2:1 **Parallel theme:** Colossians 1:24; 1:29; Acts 20:38; Philippians 1:30;

Revelation 1:11

Colossians 2:2

References Christ: Colossians 1:27; Romans 16:25; Philippians 3:8. **Parallel theme:** Colossians 4:8; Isaiah 53:11; Ephesians 6:22. **Love:** Colossians 3:14; Philippians 2:1. **References God:** Romans 15:13; 2 Peter 1:3

Colossians 2:3 **Parallel theme:** Colossians 1:9; 1:19; 3:16; Job 28:21; Matthew 10:26; Romans 11:33; 1 Corinthians 1:24; 1:30; Ephesians 1:8; Revelation 2:17

Colossians 2:4 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 24:4; Mark 13:22; Acts 20:30; Ephesians 4:14; 2 Timothy 2:16; 3:13; 1 John 4:1; 2 John 1:7; Revelation 20:8. **Word:** Ephesians 5:6

Colossians 2:5 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 78:37; 1 Corinthians 14:40; 15:58; 1 Thessalonians 2:17; 3:8; Hebrews 6:19. **Faith:** 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Peter 5:9. **References Christ:** Hebrews 3:14. **Spirit:** Psalms 78:8

Colossians 2:6 **References Lord:** Colossians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1. **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 5:7; 1 John 2:6; Jude 1:3. **References Jesus:** Colossians 3:17; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; 1 John 5:20. **References Christ:** Galatians 2:20; Hebrews 3:14

Colossians 2:7 **Faith:** Colossians 1:23; Ephesians 3:17. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 1:3; 92:13; Isaiah 61:3; Jeremiah 17:8; Romans 16:25; Ephesians 5:20; 2 Thessalonians 2:17; 1 Peter 5:10

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Colossians 2:9

Parallel theme: Colossians 1:19; Isaiah 7:14; John 1:14; 10:30; 10:38; 14:20; 17:21. **References God:** 1 Timothy 3:16; Titus 2:13; 1 John 5:20

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Colossians 2:12 **Resurrection:** Acts 2:24; 1 Corinthians 15:20; Hebrews 6:2; 1 Peter 3:21. **Baptism:** Galatians 3:27. **Faith:** Romans 4:24; Ephesians 2:8; 3:17; 4:5; Hebrews 12:2

Colossians 2:13 **Sin:** Romans 6:13; Ephesians 2:1; 1 John 2:12. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 71:20; Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:45; 2 Corinthians 3:6; 5:19; Ephesians 2:11; Hebrews 9:14

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Parallel theme: Colossians 2:20; Numbers 5:23; Psalms 51:1; Isaiah 43:25; 44:22; 57:14; Acts 3:19; Hebrews 7:18; 8:13; 1 Peter 2:24

Colossians 2:15 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 3:15; Psalms 68:18; Matthew 12:29; Luke 10:18; John 16:11; Ephesians 4:8; 6:12; Hebrews 2:14; Revelation 20:10. **Creation:** Isaiah 53:12

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Judgment: Romans 14:10; James 4:11. **Parallel theme:** 1 Chronicles 23:31; Ezekiel 45:17; Matthew 15:11; Mark 7:19; Galatians 4:10; Hebrews 9:10; 13:9. **Holy:** Nehemiah 10:33

Colossians 2:17 **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 8:5; 9:9; 10:1. **References Christ:** John 1:17

Colossians 2:18 **Parallel theme:** Colossians 2:8; Matthew 24:24; 2 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 5:6; 1 Timothy 1:7; 4:1; 1 John 2:26; Revelation 3:11. **Worship:** Colossians 2:23; Romans 1:25

Colossians 2:19 **Parallel theme:** 1 Thessalonians 3:12; 4:10; 1 Peter 3:8; 2 Peter 3:18.

References God: Colossians 2:2

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Parallel theme: Genesis 3:3; Isaiah 52:11; 2 Corinthians 6:17; 1 Timothy 4:3

Colossians 2:22 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 29:13; Daniel 11:37; John 6:27; 1 Corinthians 6:13. **Word:** Isaiah 29:18; Titus 1:14

Colossians 2:23 **Parallel theme:** Colossians 2:8; 2:22; Ephesians 5:29; 1 Timothy 4:3; 4:8.

Worship: Colossians 2:18