

Colossians 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus
by the will of God,
and Timothy our brother,

To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ
at Colosse:

Grace and peace to you
from God our Father.

Colossians 1:3-6a

We always thank God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
when we pray for you, because we have heard
of your faith in Christ Jesus
and of the love you have for all the saints –
the faith and love that spring from the hope
that is stored up for you in heaven
and that you have already heard about
in the word of truth, the gospel
that has come to you.

“This one and firm rock,
which we call the doctrine of justification,
is the chief article of the whole Christian doctrine,
which comprehends the understanding
of all godliness.”

~Martin Luther

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel:
for it is the power of God for salvation
to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Colossians 1:6b-8

All over the world this gospel
is bearing fruit and growing,
just as it has been doing among you
since the day you heard it and understood
God's grace in all its truth.

You learned it from Epaphras,
our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful
minister of Christ on our behalf,
and who also told us of your love
in the Spirit.

Romans 10:13-15

“Everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord will be saved.”

How, then, can they call on the one
they have not believed in?

And how can they believe in the one
of whom they have not heard?

And how can they hear
without someone preaching to them?

And how can they preach unless they are sent?

Romans 10:13-15

As it is written,

“How beautiful are the feet of those
who bring good news!”

Deuteronomy 4:20

But as for you, the LORD took you
and brought you out
of the iron-smelting furnace, out of Egypt,
to be the people of his inheritance,
as you now are.

Deuteronomy 4:5-8

See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it.

Observe them carefully, for they will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.”

Deuteronomy 4:5-8

What other nation is so great
as to have their gods near them
the way the LORD our God is near us
whenever we pray to him?

And what other nation is so great
as to have such righteous decrees and laws
as this body of laws
I am setting before you today?

Deuteronomy 7:6-7

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God.

The LORD your God has chosen you
out of all the peoples on the face of the earth
to be his people, his treasured possession.

The LORD did not set his affection on you
and choose you because you were more numerous
than other peoples, for you were
the fewest of all peoples.

Leviticus 26:45

But for their sake I will remember
the covenant with their ancestors
whom I brought out of Egypt
in the sight of the nations to be their God.
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Isaiah 52:10

The LORD will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came,
they were all together in one place.
Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind
came from heaven and filled the whole house
where they were sitting.

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire
that separated and came to rest on each of them.
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other tongues
as the Spirit enabled them.

Romans 1:7

To all those in Rome who are loved by God
and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:2

To the church of God that is in Corinth,
to those sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be saints together with all those
who in every place call upon the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours...

2 Corinthians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and Timothy our brother,
To the church of God that is at Corinth,
with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia...

Ephesians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints who are in Ephesus,
and are faithful in Christ Jesus...

Philippians 1:1

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi,
with the overseers and deacons...

Colossians 1:2

To the saints and faithful brothers
in Christ at Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Hebrews 13:12

Jesus also suffered outside the gate
in order to sanctify the people
through his own blood.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous
will not inherit the kingdom of God?

Do not be deceived:
neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters,
nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,
nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards,
nor revilers, nor swindlers
will inherit the kingdom of God.

And such were some of you.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

But you were washed,
you were sanctified,
you were justified
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace himself
sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body
be kept blameless at the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives,
as Christ loved the church
and gave himself up for her,
that he might sanctify her,
having cleansed her by the washing of water
with the word, so that he might present
the church to himself in splendor,
without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,
that she might be holy and without blemish.

Acts 26:16-18

But rise and stand upon your feet,
for I have appeared to you for this purpose,
to appoint you as a servant and witness
to the things in which you have seen me
and to those in which I will appear to you,
delivering you from your people
and from the Gentiles –

Acts 26:16-18

... to whom I am sending you to open their eyes,
so that they may turn from darkness to light
and from the power of Satan to God,
that they may receive forgiveness of sins
and a place among those
who are sanctified by faith in me.

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.

Colossians 1:9

For this reason, since the day we heard about you,
we have not stopped praying for you
and asking God to fill you with
the knowledge of his will
through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Colossians 1:10-12

And we pray this in order that
you may live a life worthy of the Lord
and may please him in every way:
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 joyfully giving thanks to the Father,
who has qualified you to share
in the inheritance of the saints
in the kingdom of light.

Colossians 1:13-14

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.