

# Colossians

## Chapter 1 (1 - 6)

From Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, to the Christians in Colossae. Grace and peace to you from God our Father. I always pray for you and give thanks for your *faith* in Christ Jesus, and the *love* you show to others because of the *hope* which is stored up for you in heaven

The Good News is spreading all over the world, bringing blessings to so many people.

**Jesus, increase my *faith, hope and love*. Help me spread the Good News in my corner of the world**

## Chapter 1 (9 - 14)

I pray that you will continue to grow in your Christian life, a life full of good deeds. Never give in when trials come, but bravely, even joyfully, carry your cross each day

Keep on thanking the Father who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

**Father, thank you for letting me be a Christian. Help me be a good Christian**

## Chapter 1 (15 - 20)

Christ is the image of the unseen God. In him were created all things. All things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed. He holds all things in unity. The Church is his body. He is its head. God wants all things to be reconciled through him who brought peace by his death on the Cross

**Jesus, God the Son become man, may our world find reconciliation and peace in you**

## Chapter 1.24 - 2.2

As I sit in my prison, I am at peace in my suffering, offering up my suffering to Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. God chose me to reveal to you his sacred message: Christ, your hope of glory, is among you.



My aim is to bind you together in love, and to keep you growing in your knowledge of God's plan for your lives.

**“Bind us together, Lord, with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together in Love”** (song)

## Chapter 2 (6 - 8)

You must live your whole life according to the Christ you have received - Jesus the Lord.

You must be built on him and held firm by the faith you have been taught. Make sure no one deceives you with any teaching based on the principles of this world instead of on Christ.

**Jesus, please protect people from false teaching**

## Chapter 2 (9 - 18)

In Christ's body lives the fullness of divinity.

In him, you too find fulfillment. In baptism, you were buried with him and then raised to new life.

Our real life is life with and in Christ.

Be careful of people who are always going on about some vision they have had, giving such visions more importance than Christ himself.

**Jesus, may my focus always be on you**

## Chapter 3 (1 - 2)

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, focus on heaven, where Christ is, sitting at the Father's right hand.

Let your thoughts be more on heavenly things, less on the things that are on earth.

**Jesus, please help me think more often about heaven.....since that's where I hope to spend all eternity! Help me understand how this present world is just a temporary arrangement**

### Chapter 3 (5 - 11)

Kill all the bad things that trouble earthly life: fornication, impurity, evil desires, greed, anger, bad temper, spitefulness, abusive language, dirty talk and lying

You have deleted your old self, and have downloaded a fresh copy of the divine image. That image is Christ. He must be installed in every part of your life



**Jesus, take over my life.**

**Install yourself in every part of my life**

### Chapter 3 (12 - 14)

You are God's special friends. He loves you. You should be clothed in sincere compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience

Allow for other's weaknesses. Forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you. You must forgive others

Over all these clothes, to keep them together and to complete them, put on love

**Jesus, help me be a better and kinder person**

### Chapter 3 (15 - 16)

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts.  
Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ,  
in all its richness, find a home in you.

Help each other grow in wisdom.

With gratitude in your hearts, sing songs to God.

**Jesus, live in my heart. Please live in my heart**

### Chapter 3.18 - 4.1

Wives and husbands, understand and support each other. Children, be obedient to your parents. Parents, treat your children fairly or else they will rebel. Slaves, be obedient and respectful to your owners. Offer up your work to the Lord, our Heavenly Owner. Owners, be just and fair to your slaves. Remember your Heavenly Owner.

**Jesus, help families to live together in harmony**

### Chapter 4 (3 - 21)

Pray for me, in my chains, that I may proclaim the message of Christ as clearly as I should.

Be tactful with people who are not Christians.

Use friendly conversation with them.

Greetings from the believers here with me.

Greetings to all the believers in your area.

Grace be with you all.

**Jesus, may my conversation with non-Christians help them know you**