



Grace Ambassadors Bible Fellowship

Colossians Book Summary

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Lesson 2, 1:1-29 | *Christ in you, the hope of glory*

1. Review & Overview

- a. Introduction, theme & overview → The worthy walk, in Christ
- b. Consider Ch.1 est. the gospel ground on which the believer is settled – Rom1:5-12
- c. Ch. 2 will continue with the believer's stabilising & building up – Rom16:25-26
- d. What we will encounter: (The Godhead's unity)
 - i. The saints' faith, hope & love in the Spirit, the Father's workmanship, the Son's preeminence, the apostle's ministry to the church, & the saints' hope of perfect presentation in the Son.

2. The Worthy Walk: Taking Inventory

- a. **(v.1-8)** "heard", "gospel", "grace" → est. "faith", "love", "hope" – Eph1:13-14; 1Cor15:1-4
 - i. "hope...in heaven" is the starting & ending point w/ fruit desired – Col1:5; Cf. 1:27
- b. **(v.9)** Paul's response → pray+desire of perfecting faith – 1Cor2:6; Cf. Phil3:12; 1Thess3:10
- c. **6 or 7 aspects** to the worthy walk...w/ one imperative = **salvation**.
 - i. **(1) Begins "in the Spirit"** → 2) "be filled" 3) "knowledge of [God's] will" (1Tim2:4)
- d. **(v.10)** 1) → "pleasing" (Rom8:8), 2) → "fruitful" (Eph2:10), 3) → **I know. of God** (Col3:10)
 - i. **Phrase: "Desire...to be...what you are...and will be."**
- e. **(v.11)** Is strengthened w/the Father's power → resurrection (Rom1:16; Cf. 1Cor1:18)
 - i. Concluding in patience, longsuffering w/ joy = blameless ministry (2Cor6:1-6)
- f. **(v.12-13)** **(2) Thanks the Father:** 1) made, 2) delivered, 3) translated us → inheritance purposed fulness in Christ (Ac26:17-18; Gal4:7; Rom8:17; Cf. Eph1:11,14,18; 3:6)
- g. **(v.15-22)** **(3) Knows the Son:**
 - i. (v.17,18) What he is: 1) Eternal, 2) Preeminent
 - ii. (v.15-19) Who he is: 1) **Image** of God, 2) Creator, 3) Possessor, 4) Sustainer, 5) Head of the body, 6) Firstborn from the dead, 8) Fulness of all
 - iii. (v.14,20,22) What he gave: 1) his blood, 2) his cross, 3) his flesh, 4) his life
 - iv. (v.14,20) What he provides: 1) redemption, 2) forgiveness, 3) peace, 4) reconciliation, 5) resurrection...for all things...by grace through faith
- h. **(v.22)** **(4) Knows the Purpose:** 1) present. of saints, 2) holy, 3) w/o blame, 4) w/o reproof in Christ's body → Predestined present. (Rom8:29-30, 38; 12:1-4)
- i. **(v.23-27)** **(5) Knows their Minister's:** 1) office, 2) dispensation, 3) mystery, 4) fulfillment
- j. **(v.28-29)** **(6) Knows their Ministry's:** 1) doctrine, 2) function, 3) work, 4) sufferings

3. Conclusion

- a. **(1) Inheritance** in the body, **(2) Strengthened** w/hope, **(3)** according to **mystery**
- b. Paul's preaching of Christ & his cross is according to mystery – Rom16:25; 1Cor2:5-7
- c. Colossians further expounds that which his early writings already taught about glory
- d. Problem verse (v.23): Christ confirms you to the end → 1Cor1:6,8; 1Thess3:13; 2Tim2:12; Phil1:6

4. Acts Timing Consideration

- a. "heard", "gospel", "grace" → which Paul preached in Asia for 3+yrs (Ac20:24 ~**20yrs in**)
- b. Gal1-2; Ac15; 16:6; 18:19; 20:22-24; 26:15-18 provides a necessary link of pre & prison epistle doctrine