

## Colossians Review/Riches of God's Grace

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\* adapted from McCalley

## 1. Paul's Greetings to the Colossians 1:1-2

1:2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father

What does “in Christ” mean?

What are some similar expressions that Paul uses?

What kind of truth do we say this is?

Can we become “out of Christ” as a believer?

What is the definition of positional truth?

## 2. Paul's Thanksgiving for the Colossians 1:3-8

<sup>3</sup> We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

## 3. Paul's Prayer for the Colossians 1:9-14

<sup>9</sup> --- we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding

What purposes does Paul give for his prayer from verse 10?

<sup>13</sup> For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

What were we rescued from and transferred to?

What things do we have in Him?

## 4. The Person of Jesus Christ 1:15-18

<sup>1:15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

<sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup>

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

What does the invisible God look like?

What does the firstborn of all creation mean?

What are all the realms of creation?

How and why were all things created?

What does it mean that He is before all things?

How are things held together?

Who is the head of the church?

What does it mean to be the firstborn from the dead?

## 5. The Work of Christ 1:19-2:3

<sup>1:19</sup> For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, <sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

What does it mean to have all the fullness dwell in Him?  
How did the blood of His cross make peace?

<sup>2:2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and *attaining* to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a true knowledge of God's mystery, *that is*, Christ *Himself*, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

What does the full assurance of understanding mean?  
What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge?

## 6. The Threat to Our Relationship to Christ 2:4-8

<sup>2:6</sup> Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, <sup>7</sup> having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with gratitude. <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

How did you receive Christ?

How are you to walk in Him?

Can being rooted be changed?

Who is doing the building up in Him?

What does being established in your faith mean?

What is our response to all these things?

What two things are stated about being taken captive?

What contrast is stated in verse 8?

## 7. The Glory of Our Relationship to Christ 2:9-15

<sup>9</sup> For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,  
<sup>10</sup> and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; <sup>11</sup> and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

What does the fullness of Deity tell us about Christ?

What does it mean to have been made complete?

How were we circumcised in Him? What does without hands mean?

What does the removal of the body of flesh imply?

How were we buried and raised with Him in baptism?

What does it mean to be alive together with Christ?



## 8. Our Relationship to Christ 2:16-3:4

<sup>3:1</sup> Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

How were we raised up with Christ?

What does it mean to keep seeking the things above?

What are the things above?

What does it mean to set your mind on things above?

When did you die?

What does it mean that your life is hidden with Christ in God?

## 9. Our Inward Life 3:5-17

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

What is meant by the peace of Christ ruling in your hearts?

How should the word of Christ richly dwell within you?

What does it mean to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus?

## 10. Our Family Life 3:18-4:1

<sup>18</sup> Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. <sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

Why state these particular things for the wife and husband?

## 11. Paul's Parting Words 4:2-6

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of thanksgiving*; --- <sup>5</sup> Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

## 12. Paul's Personal Friends 4:7-18

<sup>10</sup> Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends you his greetings; and *also* Barnabas's cousin Mark – How many men does Paul send a greeting to at the end of this letter?