

Worship

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The profound celebration of God in His supreme worth
in such a manner that His worthiness
becomes the norm and inspiration of human living.

-Ralph Martin

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The Gospel

(orthodox biblical truth)

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Artificial Supernaturalism
Intellectual Elitism
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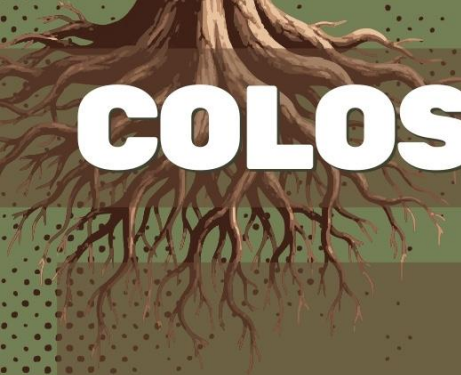
Greetings

- ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and Timothy our brother,
² to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:
- Grace** to you and **peace** from God our Father.

Thankfulness

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,
4 since we heard of your **faith in Christ Jesus**
and of the **love that you have for all the saints,**
5 because of the **hope laid up for you in heaven.**

Of **this** you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,
6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—
as it also does among you,
since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,
7 just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant.
He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf
8 and has made known to us **your love in the Spirit.**



Prayer

⁹ And so, from the day we **heard,** we have not ceased to pray for you,
asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

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Counsel of Nicaea

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1. **Christology...the nature of Christ** (trinity)
2. The date of Easter
3. The Militian schism

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The Original Nicæan Creed 325 AD

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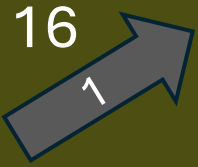
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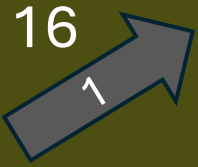
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and in Him all things hold together.

18 And He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.

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Propitiation

Expiation

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**He is the beginning, the firstborn,
and the first of all things,
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Propitiation

the act of reestablishing relationship
by satisfying the wrath of God;
a substitutionary love of Christ
who prefers us over Himself

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His body, of which He is the Savior,
who has redeemed the church
by Himself with the word of His
own power, that He might
present the church to Himself
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Payment for the guilt

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the word of the church, which He has purified
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in order to present the church to Himself
as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle
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To extinguish the guilt

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I John 2:2; 4:10

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**Jesus is the
creator,
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and
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So.....Therefore.....What Now



So.....Therefore.....What Now

Worship

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*The creator and sustainer of the universe
gave Himself up in order to be the
redeemer of a broken, sinful, and wounded
world that includes each of us.*

So.....Therefore.....What Now

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Think about it

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Think about it and respond

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Think about it and respond with WORSHIP.

Worship

The profound celebration of God in His supreme worth
in such a manner that His worthiness
becomes the norm and inspiration of human living.

-Ralph Martin

Worship

When we set
our mind's attention and our heart's affection
on the Lord
for who He is and what He has done.

Worship

Communion with God and with His people.

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Jesus is worthy of our

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So.....Therefore.....What Now

Galatians 2:20

**I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave Himself for me.**