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- 1) God, the Eternal Father, the Creator and Sustainer of all existence
- 2) The Holy Spirit, the seven Spirits of God who are before his throne,
who continually convict us of sin, righteousness, and the coming Judgment
- 3) Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, the Lord and Savior of all mankind

Without these Three, this work would never have been possible.

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1 Paul, [the] apostle of Jesus Christ through [the] will of God, and Timothy the brother,
 2 to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and [the] Lord Jesus Christ.
 3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ always when [we] pray for you,
 4 because [we] heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and [your] love which [is] for all the saints,
 5 because of the hope which is reserved for you in heaven, about which you heard before in the word of truth¹, the gospel,
 6 which has come to you, just as [it is] also in the whole world and is bearing fruit of itself, just as [it is] also in² you from [the] day on which you heard³ and fully knew the grace of God in truth,
 7 just as you also learned [it] from Epaphras our beloved fellow slave, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,
 8 who also made known to us your love in [the] Spirit.
 9 Because of this we also, from [the] day on which we heard, have not stopped praying on your behalf and asking that you should be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual⁴ understanding,
 10 in order that you might walk worthily of the Lord to all pleasing, by bearing fruit in every good work and by increasing in the knowledge of God,
 11 by being strengthened with all power, according to his might of glory, to all perseverance and patience with joy,
 12 by giving thanks to the Father, who made us qualified for the portion of the inheritance of the saints in light,
 13 who delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred [us] to the kingdom of his Son of love,
 14 in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,
 15 who is [the] image of the invisible God, [the] firstborn over every created thing,
 16 for by him all [things] were created, the [things] in the heavens and the [things] upon the earth, the visible [things] and the invisible [things], whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all [things] have been created through him and for him;
 17 and he is before all [things], and all [things] hold together by him;
 18 and he is the head of the body, the church, who is [the] beginning, [the] firstborn from among the dead, with the result that he himself has first place in all [things],
 19 because he was well pleased for all the fullness to dwell in him
 20 and to reconcile all [things] to himself through him by making peace through his blood upon the cross; through him, whether the [things] upon the earth or the [things] in the heavens.
 21 And you, although⁵ [you] were at one time alienated and hostile in mind by evil works, but now he has reconciled
 22 by his body of flesh through death, in order to present you [as] holy and blameless and irreproachable before him,
 23 if indeed you remain founded and firm in the faith, and not moved⁶ away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was proclaimed in the whole creation which [is] under the heavens, of which I, Paul, became a minister,
 24 who now rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf and fill up on my part the deficiencies of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh on behalf of his body (that is, the church)⁷,
 25 of which I became a minister according to the administration of God which had been given to me for you, in order to complete the word of God,
 26 the mystery which had been hidden from the ages and from the generations, but has now been revealed to his saints,
 27 to whom God wanted to make known what [is] the wealth of glory of this mystery among the gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,
 28 whom we proclaim by admonishing every man and by teaching every man with all wisdom, in order that we may present every man [as] perfect in Christ Jesus,
 29 for which [purpose] I also labor, striving according to his working which works in me with power.

1) or, "the truth of"

2) or, "among"

3) or, "heard [it]"

4) or, "spiritual wisdom and"

5) or, "while"

6) or, "shifting"

7) or, "which is the church"

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus [our] brother,
 2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
 4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love [which ye have] to all the saints,
 5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;
 6 Which is come unto you, as [it is] in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as [it doth] also in you, since the day ye heard [of it], and knew the grace of God in truth:
 7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;
 8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.
 9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard [it], do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;
 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated [us] into the kingdom of his dear Son:
 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins:
 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all [things] he might have the preeminence.
 19 For it pleased [the Father] that in him should all fulness dwell;
 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, [I say], whether [they be] things in earth, or things in heaven.
 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in [your] mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled
 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight:
 23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and [be] not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, [and] which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;
 24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:
 25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;
 26 [Even] the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:
 27 To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:
 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:
 29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

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1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on behalf of you and of those in Laodicea and [of] as many as have not seen my face in [the] flesh,

2 in order that their hearts may be comforted, while¹ [they] are united in love and toward all [the] wealth of the full assurance of understanding, toward [the] knowledge of the mystery of the God and Father and of Christ,

3 in whom all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge are hidden.

4 And I say this in order that no man may deceive you with persuasive speech.

5 For even though I am absent in flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing and seeing your order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the² Lord, walk in him,

7 by being rooted and by being built up in him and by being established in the faith, just as you were taught, by abounding in it with thanksgiving.

8 Watch out that there will be no man who takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elemental spirits³ of the world, and not according to Christ;

9 for in him all the fullness of deity dwells bodily,

10 and you are filled in⁴ him, who is the head of every ruler and authority,

11 in whom also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made by hands, by the taking off of the sinful body of flesh⁵, by the circumcision of Christ,

12 by being⁶ buried together with him in baptism, in which also you were raised up together with [him]⁷ through the faith in the working of God who had raised him up from among the dead;

13 and you, although⁸ [you] were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made alive together with him, by forgiving⁹ you all transgressions

14 by wiping out the hand-written document which [was] against us, with the ordinances, which was opposed to us; and he has taken it away from the midst by nailing it to the cross;

15 when [he] disarmed the rulers and the authorities, he made an example of [them] in openness by triumphing over them¹⁰ by it¹¹.

16 Therefore let no man judge you in eating or in drinking, or in [the] matter of a festival or of a new moon or of [the] Sabbath,

17 which are a shadow of those things which are to come, but the substantive reality¹² [belongs] to Christ.

18 Let no one rob you of the prize by taking pleasure in humility and [the] worship of angels, by entering into [the things] which he has not seen, by being puffed up without cause by his mind of flesh,

19 and by not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, because [it] is supported and is united through the joints and ligaments, grows with the growth [which is] from God.

20 Therefore if you died with Christ to the elemental spirits¹³ of the world, why, as if [you] were living in [the] world, do you allow yourselves to be subjected to regulations—

21 "do not handle, and do not taste, and do not touch"—

22 which all serve as destruction by use, according to the commandments and teachings of men,

23 which indeed have the appearance of wisdom, in self-made religion and humility and [the] severe treatment of [the] body, [but] not in any value against [the] satisfaction of the flesh?

1) or, "because"

2) or, "[as] the"

3) or, "elementary principles"

4) or, "through"

5) lit, "body of sins of the flesh"

6) or, "when [you] were"

7) or, "together"

8) or, "while"

9) or, "when [he] forgave"

10) or, "exposing them to shame"

11) or, "through him"

12) lit, "body"

13) or, "elementary principles"

1 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and [for] them at Laodicea, and [for] as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, [so] walk ye in him:

7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with [him] through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

15 [And] having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath [days]:

17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ.

18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

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1 Therefore if you were raised up together with Christ, seek the [things which are] above, where Christ is sitting at [the] right [hand] of God;

2 set your minds on the [things which are] above, not on the [things which are] upon the earth.

3 For you died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

5 Therefore put to death your members which [are] upon the earth: sexual immorality, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and greed which is idolatry,

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, [who is] our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

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6 because of which the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience,
 7 in which¹ you also walked at one time, when you were living in² them;
 8 but now you also, put away all [these things]: anger, rage, malice, slander, shameful speech from your mouth;
 9 do not lie to one another, because [you] took off the old man with its deeds
 10 and because [you] put on the new [man] which is being renewed in³ knowledge according to [the] image of him who created it,
 11 where there is no Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision; barbarian, Scythian; slave, free [man]; but Christ [is] all [things] and in all.
 12 Therefore, as [the] chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart⁴ of compassion, kindness, humility, considerateness, patience,
 13 by bearing with one another, and by forgiving each other if any [man] should have a complaint against some [man]; just as Christ also forgave you, in this manner you also, [forgive each other];
 14 and in addition to all these [things], [put on] love, which is [the] uniting bond of perfection.
 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.
 16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell in you, with the result of teaching and admonishing each other with all wisdom, with the result of singing with psalms and with hymns and with spiritual songs, with thankfulness, with⁵ your heart to the Lord;
 17 and every [thing] which you do in word or in deed, [do] all [things] in [the] name of [the] Lord Jesus, while giving⁶ thanks to the God and Father through him.
 18 Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as is proper in [the] Lord.
 19 Husbands, love [your] wives and do not be embittered against them.
 20 Children, obey [your] parents in all [things], for this is pleasing to the Lord.
 21 Parents⁷, do not provoke your children, in order that they may not become discouraged.
 22 Slaves, obey [your] earthly masters⁸ in all [things], not with eye-services as men-pleasers, but with [the] sincerity of [the] heart, fearing God;
 23 and every [thing] which you do, do [it] from [the] heart, as for the Lord and not for men,
 24 because [you] know that you will receive the recompense of the inheritance from [the] Lord, for you serve the Lord Christ;
 25 but he who does wrong will receive back the wrong which he did, and there is no partiality.

CHAPTER 4

1 Masters, grant [your] slaves justice and fairness, because [you] know that you also have a Master in heaven.
 2 Devote yourselves to prayer, staying alert¹ in it with thanksgiving,
 3 while praying at the same time also on our behalf, that God should open to us a door for the word, to speak of the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am also bound,
 4 in order that I may make it known, as I ought to speak.
 5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, by making the most of the time².
 6 [Let] your speech always [be] with graciousness, seasoned with salt, in order that [you] may know how you ought to answer each one.
 7 Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow slave in [the] Lord, will make known to you all my circumstances³,
 8 whom I have sent to you for this very [purpose], in order that he might know the [things which are] about you and comfort your hearts,
 9 with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who belongs to you; they will make known to you all things which [are happening] here.
 10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you received commands; if he should come to you, welcome him),

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1) or, "among whom"
 2) or, "among"

3) or, "for"

4) lit, "inward parts"

5) or, "in"

6) or, "giving"

7) or, "Fathers"

8) lit, "masters according to [the] flesh"

6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:
 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.
 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
 10 And have put on the new [man], which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond [nor] free: but Christ [is] all, and in all.
 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also [do] ye.
 14 And above all these things [put on] charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, [do] all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.
 18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.
 19 Husbands, love [your] wives, and be not bitter against them.
 20 Children, obey [your] parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
 21 Fathers, provoke not your children [to anger], lest they be discouraged.
 22 Servants, obey in all things [your] masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:
 23 And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

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1) or, "while staying alert"

2) or, "opportunity"

3) lit, "all [things] with respect to me"

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1 Masters, give unto [your] servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.
 2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;
 3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:
 4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.
 5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.
 6 Let your speech [be] always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.
 7 All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, [who is] a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow-servant in the Lord:
 8 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;
 9 With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is [one] of you. They shall make known unto you all things which [are done] here.
 10 Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

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11 and Jesus who is called Justus, who are of [the] circumcision; these only [are] fellow workers for⁴ the kingdom of God who became a comfort to me.

12 Epaphras, who [belongs] to you, the slave of Christ, greets you, while always striving on your behalf in [his] prayers, that you should stand perfect and complete in all [the] will of God.

13 For I bear witness about him that he has great zeal on behalf of you and of those in Laodicea and of those in Hierapolis.

14 Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.

15 Greet the brothers in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church in his house.

16 And when this letter is read among you, cause that it should be read also in the church of [the] Laodiceans, and that you also should read the [letter] from Laodicea.

17 And say to Archippus, "Give attention to the ministry which you received in [the] Lord, in order that you may fulfill it."

18 The greeting of Paul with my own hand. Remember my bonds. Grace [be] with you. Amen.

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4) or, "in"

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11 And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only [are my] fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

12 Epaphras, who is [one] of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

13 For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them [that are] in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.

15 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.

16 And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the [epistle] from Laodicea.

17 And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace [be] with you. Amen. <<[Written from Rome to the Colossians by Tychicus and Onesimus.]>>