

## “Colossians & Philemon”

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## Colossians 1:1-2

Paul...

**An apostle of Christ Jesus!  
... by the will of God!**

To God's holy people in Colossae,  
the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:



and Timothy our brother...



The Gospel..

Spread across the earth as seeds of a dandelion which are carried forth by the breath of the Holy Spirit and settle upon the ears of many!

**Colossians 1:9**

... we have not stopped praying for you!  
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**knowledge of his will**  
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**BUT...**

A library, regardless of how beautiful it is or how extensive its collection...

**is a simply a container of knowledge!**

If it is locked up...  
 If no one uses it...  
 What good is it?



**knowledge** (noun)  
 1. the mental or sensible apprehending with certainty of a truth or an existence  
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**“Knowledge” is defined as facts, information, and skills acquired by a person through experience or education; the theoretical or practical understanding of a subject.**

**“Wisdom”**

...is much deeper!

true or right

**wisdom** [wiz-duhm]  
 See synonyms for wisdom on Thesaurus.com  
 noun  
 the quality or state of being wise; knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action; discernment, or insight.

**+** discernment

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For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you.

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through all the **wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,**

...so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way:

bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...



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When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son

Galatians 4:4

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# Jesus

He is the reflection of God's glory  
and the exact likeness of His being  
and He holds everything together  
by His powerful word.



## Colossians 1:15

WHOEVER  
HAS SEEN  
ME HAS  
SEEN THE  
FATHER

John 14:1



## Colossians 1:18-20

"...so that in everything  
He might have the supremacy!"

## Colossians 1:23-24

This is the gospel that you heard and that has been  
proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I,  
Paul, have become a servant.

Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in  
my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions,  
for the sake of his body, which is the church.

## 2 Corinthians 11:25-30 New International Version (NIV)

Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

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