

GLORIOUS PLACES WE ARE BROUGHT INTO  
WHEN WE ARE IN CHRIST

Read Colossians 1

***Colossians 1:1-2***

*<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and  
Timotheus our brother,*

*<sup>2</sup> 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.*

The first thing on my heart to point out is that once a person has been saved he is IN CHRIST, he no longer is alienated and outside of being saved he is IN. (Give the Gospel)

***Ephesians 2:8-13***

*<sup>8</sup> For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of  
yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

*<sup>9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

*<sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good  
works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in  
them.*

*<sup>11</sup> Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the  
flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the  
Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;*

*<sup>12</sup> That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the  
commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of  
promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:*

*<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made  
nigh by the blood of Christ.*

The book of Colossians and the book of Ephesians can be read together and are companion books;

- Colossians – Christ is the head of the body the church
- Ephesians – The church is the body of Christ the head

Although there are only 4 chapters in the book of Colossians it stands as a giant of the Epistles in doctrinal content.

Paul was writing this Epistle under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost because they were under attack of heresy; the group attacking them was the Gnostics;

*Gnostics believe that they have secret knowledge about God, humanity and the rest of the universe of which the general population was unaware. (Visions and inward experience rather than facts from God's Word) They did not believe in the full deity of Christ which is the common thread among cults, and the first sign that you are in a cult.*

- Joseph Smith – Mormons
- Mary Baker Eddy – Christian Science
- Amy Simple MacPherson – Pentecostal
- Ellen G. White – Seventh Day Adventist

All these claimed to have had special knowledge that no one else had.

This Heresy they were being attacked with;

Denied the full deity of Christ – They said He had no deity until He was baptized and then lost His deity before He died on the cross, and was not fully the Son of God, so therefore we could not have full salvation in Christ Jesus and some things had to be added to be saved.

That is why these verses are in the book;

### ***Colossians 1:16-20***

<sup>16</sup> 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:**

<sup>17</sup> And he is **before all things**, and **by him all things consist**.

<sup>18</sup> 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.**

<sup>19</sup> For it pleased *the Father* that **in him should all fulness dwell;**

<sup>20</sup> 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.

## ***Colossians 1:28***

<sup>28</sup> Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man **in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:**

## ***Colossians 2:9-10***

<sup>9</sup> For in him dwelleth **all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**

<sup>10</sup> And ye are **complete in him,** which is the head of all principality and power:

This is Paul's sevenfold prayer for the believer;

1. **Forgiveness** of sins ([v. 14](#)).
2. **Redemption** through blood ([v. 14](#)).
3. **Delivered** from the power of darkness and **Translated** into the Kingdom ([v. 13](#)).
4. **Partakers** of the inheritance ([v. 12](#)).
5. **Strengthened** with all might ([v. 11](#)).
6. **Fruitful** in every good work ([v. 10](#)).
7. **Filled** with the knowledge of His will ([v. 9](#)).

### **3 things about God's will;**

1. God does not make anyone do His will – He gives you a desire
2. God will always show you His hand in it – Providence – Chess Pieces – Nehemiah (planted a desire in his heart)
3. It will be coming from scripture

Now this is all things He puts in you when you are saved, but let's look at 4 places He brings the believer into

## **I. THE KINGDOM**

### ***Colossians 1:13***

<sup>13</sup> *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us **into the kingdom** of his dear Son:*

- A. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness – Human Kingdom – The demoniac of Gadara
- B. The word translate means to put us under His rule
  - 1. New Attitude
  - 2. New Assignment
  - 3. New Allegiance
- C. If something happens to us the King knows – Not our own, bought with a price;
  - 1. Holiness
  - 2. Harmony
  - 3. Happiness

## II. THE FAITH

### ***Colossians 1:23***

<sup>23</sup> *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;*

### ***1 Corinthians 3:21-23***

<sup>21</sup> *Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;*

<sup>22</sup> *Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;*

<sup>23</sup> *And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.*

### ***1 Corinthians 4:1-2***

<sup>1</sup> *Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.*

<sup>2</sup> *Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*

### ***1 Timothy 3:9***

<sup>9</sup> *Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.*

Notice – He is talking to preachers and deacons – not have faith, but the faith – grown and solid in the ways and things of God and now going about to dispense those to others (holding forth)

In the Pastoral Epistles the faith is covered;

- I Timothy – The key is the House of God
- II Timothy – The key is the Man of God
- Titus – The key is the Grace of God

**What is the definition of The Faith;**

***Luke 1:1***

*<sup>1</sup> Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most **surely** believed among us,*

The first time the word surely is used in the bible gives us the power of that little word;

**Genesis 2:17** “ ...*thou shalt surely die.*” Did He mean it?

He died 3 times that day;

1. Spiritually
2. Physically
3. Substitutionally

How many faiths are there according to scripture?

***Ephesians 4:4-6***

*<sup>4</sup> There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;*

*<sup>5</sup> One Lord, **one faith**, one baptism,*

*<sup>6</sup> One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

Doctrine;

***1 Timothy 4:6***

*<sup>6</sup> If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.*

***1 Timothy 4:13***

*<sup>13</sup> Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.*

***1 Timothy 5:17***

*<sup>17</sup> Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.*

### **1 Timothy 6:1**

<sup>1</sup> *Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.*

### **2 Timothy 3:10**

<sup>10</sup> *But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,*

### **2 Timothy 3:16**

<sup>16</sup> *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

### **2 Timothy 4:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

<sup>3</sup> *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*

The Doctrine of Christ – what are the things we surely believe about Christ;

### **2 John 1:9**

<sup>9</sup> *Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.*

Ten things Christ taught about Himself;

1. Deity - **John 10:30** *“I and my Father are one.”*
2. Humanity - **Matthew 18:11** *“For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.”*
3. Eternal Sonship – *“before Abraham was, I am”*
4. Virgin Birth
5. Impeccability – sinlessness - **1 Timothy 2:5** *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”*
6. Vicarious death - **John 3:14** *“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so **must** the Son of man be lifted up:”*
7. Bodily resurrection - **John 2:19** *“Jesus answered and said unto*

*them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”*

8. Ascension
9. Priesthood
10. Second Coming

## The Apostles Doctrine

### **Acts 2:42**

*<sup>42</sup> And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

1. The Trinity – All three in one – They all completely agree

They all three had a part in our salvation;

1. God the Father – From eternity to the cradle
2. God the Son – From the cradle to the throne
3. God the Holy Spirit – From Pentecost till the Rapture

Now that don't make up my faith, it makes up THE FAITH

11 times the words THE FAITH is mentioned – 6 of those times it is a warning from departure from (the teaching) of THE FAITH

Take the doctrine of the blood of Christ – some say the death or the sacrifice was necessary – Look at the Passover – that Lamb gave them life after it was dead – Jesus rose from the grave and gives us life eternal

## III. THE BODY

### **Ephesians 1:19-23**

*<sup>19</sup> And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,*

*<sup>20</sup> Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,*

*<sup>21</sup> Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:*

*<sup>22</sup> And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,*

<sup>23</sup> Which is **his body**, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

1. The church is a body that will never die – if one part of the body is missing – the body suffers

### ***1 Corinthians 12:12-26***

<sup>12</sup> For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

<sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> For the body is not one member, but many.

<sup>15</sup> If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

<sup>16</sup> And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

<sup>18</sup> But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

<sup>19</sup> And if they were all one member, where were the body?

<sup>20</sup> But now are they many members, yet but one body.

<sup>21</sup> And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

<sup>22</sup> Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

<sup>23</sup> And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

<sup>24</sup> For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

<sup>25</sup> That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

<sup>26</sup> And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

How do we become a member – we are baptized in

- You can be born into a Jewish home and be Jewish
  - You can be born into an Italian home and be Italian
  - You can be born into an American home and be American
  - But if you are born into a Christian home it does not make you a Christian Ye must be born again
2. The body is seen – the local church – we are how the world sees Christ – you say we need to pray for these bus kids, but you only come one time a week on Sunday morning, maybe our bus kids who come every time we pick them up should pray for you.
  3. The body is intact – stays together – what if I came here today without my foot – what could we do if we were all here today
  4. The body must have sustenance to live – feed the body and it grows stronger, starve the body and it grows weak
  5. The body is functional – what can I do to be used today – If certain parts of my body stop functioning it can be fatal
  6. The body must be clothed – Ephesians 6 tells us to put on the whole armor of God
  7. The body must have blood flow – if circulation is cut off you lose a member

#### IV. THE HOPE

##### ***Colossians 1:26-29***

<sup>26</sup> *Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:*

<sup>27</sup> *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:*

<sup>28</sup> *Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:*

<sup>29</sup> *Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.*

##### ***Titus 2:11-15***

<sup>11</sup> *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all*

men,

<sup>12</sup> *Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

<sup>13</sup> *Looking for **that blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

<sup>14</sup> *Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

<sup>15</sup> *These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.*

That – None like it

Blessed – Glorious blessed

Hope – Expectation with excitement

### **Hebrews 6:18-19**

<sup>18</sup> *That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:*

<sup>19</sup> *Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;*

In Joshua 20 God told them to lay up 6 cities of refuge;

1. Kedesh (holy place). *A Refuge for the Unclean.*
2. Shechem (shoulder). *A Refuge for the Weary.*
3. Hebron (fellowship). *A Refuge for the Homeless.*
4. Bezer (stronghold). *A Refuge for the Helpless.*
5. Ramoth (exalted). *A Refuge for the Hopeless.*
6. Golan (separated). *A Refuge for the Tempted.*

Now let's look at "That Blessed Hope" in light of the Scripture: This:

## I. HOPE TAKES US PAST THIS LIFE –

### **1 Timothy 1:1**

<sup>1</sup> *Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, **which is our hope**;*

### **Colossians 1:27**

<sup>27</sup> *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:**

**1 Peter 1:3**

<sup>3</sup> *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto **a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,***

**1 Corinthians 15:19**

<sup>19</sup> *If in this life only we have **hope in Christ,** we are of all men most miserable.*

## II. **HOPE IS LAID UP FOR US BY THE LORD -**

**Colossians 1:5**

<sup>5</sup> *For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;*

**Luke 19:20**

<sup>20</sup> *And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:*

**2 Timothy 4:8**

<sup>8</sup> *Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

**1 Peter 1:3-5**

<sup>3</sup> *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*  
<sup>4</sup> *To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,*  
<sup>5</sup> *Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

**Hebrews 11:10**

<sup>10</sup> *For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

- Abraham never saw the city but hoped for it.
- Abraham never saw the Messiah but He came.

***Romans 8:25***

<sup>25</sup> *But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.*

***Romans 8:37***

<sup>37</sup> *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

***1 Corinthians 15:51-58***

<sup>51</sup> *Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,*

<sup>52</sup> *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

<sup>53</sup> *For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

<sup>54</sup> *So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*

<sup>55</sup> *O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*

<sup>56</sup> *The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.*

<sup>57</sup> *But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>58</sup> *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

III. HOPE WILL END IN SIGHT WITH THE LORD -

***1 John 3:1-3***

<sup>1</sup> *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*

<sup>2</sup> *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

<sup>3</sup> *And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even*

as he is pure.

#### IV. HOPE WILL TAKE US TO SEE LOVED ONES -

##### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup> *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*

<sup>14</sup> *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

<sup>15</sup> *For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.*

<sup>16</sup> *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

<sup>17</sup> *Then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up** (har-pad'-zo) together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

<sup>18</sup> *Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

3 great Old Testament pictures

1. Enoch – Walked with God and was not for God took him
2. Lot – Took him from wrath
3. Elijah – Weary Prophet in time of compromise

Oh!! what a wonderful hope this is we enjoy while here in this life-  
JUST WAIT TILL WE SEE JESUS!!!!