



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord thank You for the Word, for teaching us in a closer love walk with You. Thank You that we are for God's glory. Led us and guide us in the way to go. Give us peace. Bless us and keep us and supply our daily bread, all of our needs. Protect us and charge the angels concerning us and send them out before us to clear our path of anyone or anything that means us evil or harm, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

## Worship Music

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## Scripture Colossians 1 (AMP; 2005)

### Colossians 1:1- 29 (KJV)

<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.  
<sup>3</sup>We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,  
<sup>4</sup>Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love *which ye have* to all the saints,  
<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;  
<sup>6</sup>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:  
<sup>7</sup>As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;  
<sup>8</sup>Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.  
<sup>9</sup>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;  
<sup>10</sup>That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;  
<sup>11</sup>Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;  
<sup>12</sup>Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:  
<sup>13</sup>Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:  
<sup>14</sup>In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:  
<sup>15</sup>Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:  
<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.

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<sup>21</sup> And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled  
<sup>22</sup> In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:  
<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;  
<sup>24</sup> 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:  
<sup>25</sup> 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;  
<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.



We always thank God (v.9). Paul often starts his letters this way (Romans 1:8; 1 Corinthians 1:4; Ephesians 1:16; Philippians 1:3, 1 Thessalonians 1:2 ;2 Thessalonians 1:3; 2 Timothy 1:3; Philemon 4). Good news from the scattered churches filled his soul with joyful gratitude.

Faith, love, hope (vv.4-5) are his favorite words; faith in Christ, love toward the saints, hope of heaven. Note that their hope is the motive that produces their love (v. 5; 1 Corinthians 13:1 Thessalonians 1:3).

Heard of (v.4) does not necessarily mean he had not been to Colosse, for he uses the same phrase in Ephesians 1:15, and we know he had been in Ephesus, although he had not been there for some years.

All over the world (v. 6) and every creature under heaven (v. 23) mean that by the time Paul wrote this, some 32 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Gospel had been preached to the whole then known world. Within the first generation, the church became established world wide. (\*\*note there was no TV, microphones, radio, texting, or internet....yet it was world wide; their transportation was by: foot, water, animal...church was in: temples, homes, outside, caves, buildings...temples usually were days journeys so people could not go to the temple except for once or twice a year....later more temples were built...also note that sometimes church was in a tent...remember the ark?? There were no Bibles but scrolls, tablets, and oral reciting.....consider that most of the people could not read or write; only the elite and those allowed to be educated (kings, queens) Scribes did the writing)

Paul's prayer for them (1: 9-12). One of the four most beautiful of Paul's prayers for his churches; the other three are Ephesians 1:16-19; 3:14-19; and Philippians 1:9-11.

Spiritual wisdom (v. 9) means knowing how to live a Christ like life.

Strengthened with all power (v. 11), so as to be joyfully patient under all circumstances

The Deity of Christ (vv. 13-20). Statements Paul makes about Christ in this letter are: Image of the invisible God; Firstborn over all creation; All things were created by Him; He is before all things; In Him all things hold together; Head of the church; The beginning; The firstborn from among the dead; In Him all fullness dwells; Through Him all things are reconciled; Christ in you is the hope of glory; In Him are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; In Him all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form; In Him you have been given fullness (brought to perfection); The head over every power and authority.

Firstborn over all creation (v. 15) does not mean that He was created, but rather that He is heir to the created universe, even as the firstborn in the Old Testament was heir to the family land.

Thrones, powers, rulers, authorities (v. 16); This, and passages such as Ephesians 6:12, are a biblical hint that in the unseen world there are numerous varieties of persons and governments of which our visible world is a tiny counterpart, and that Christ's death not only made possible humanity's redemption, but became the means of restoring the broken harmony of the whole, vast universe.

Suffering for the church (vv. 24-29). "What is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions" (v. 24) does not mean that the suffering of Christ is insufficient for our salvation, but rather that the church as a whole cannot arrive at perfection until it has gone through suffering. Paul was anxious to hear his share. (1 Peter 4). The mystery (vv. 26-27) see Ephesians 3:3.

Christ in you, the hope of glory (v. 27). The essence of Paul's message in this letter is this; Christ is the Head of the Universe. We approach Him directly, not through intermediaries, not even through angels. Christ Himself, not this or that philosophy or this or that set of rules is our Wisdom, our Life, our Hope of glory. Being a Christian, essentially, is loving Him and living in Him, a Person, a glorious, divine Person, through whom the universe was created and in whom is full sufficiency for mankind's redemption and eternal perfection.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history, commentaries, notes; pages 820-821)

Paul prayed that the Colossians would endure "with joy" (Colossians 1:11). Why with joy? Joy enables us to enjoy our journey in life whether we are in adverse circumstances or not. Joy is also our strength and a weapon of spiritual warfare. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. We will never experience the joy Jesus intended for us to have if we wait until every circumstance is perfect in our lives. No matter what we endure, we can pray for one another to experience God's joy. I encourage you to pray for and live in that joy. We learn a good lesson by examining the prayers of the apostle Paul. It seems to me that he never prayed for deliverance from things, but for the strength to endure them with joy and good temper. He also prayed that for the church at Colossae, as we see in Colossians 1:11. Have you ever had anyone ask you to pray for them to endure with joy? Frequently we are asked to pray for deliverance from situations. I believe we can learn a valuable lesson from Paul's prayer. God is more interested in changing us than He is in changing our circumstances. He does not delight in watching us suffer or have a difficult time, but He does delight in our spiritual growth. If we are honest with ourselves we must admit that most of our spiritual maturity develops during the hard times in our lives, not during the easy times. Opposition stretches us. It stretches our faith, teaches us not to trust in ourselves to solve our problems, and gives us compassion for other people who go through difficulties. The apostle James said that our trials will eventually bring out patience and that when patience is fully developed in us, we will lack nothing (see James 1:4). He even states that we should be exceedingly joyful in various trials and tribulations because of what they are working in us (see James 1:2, 3). (If you cannot at the time be joyful in an extreme trial or tribulation than be joyful....for the fact that He is right there with you and going through it with you...."He will never leave you or forsake you"). I want to encourage you to pray the way Paul prayed in Colossians 1:11. Ask for strength to endure with joy rather than wanting to avoid everything that is difficult and remember that anything God allows will ultimately work out for your good if you trust Him and keep on praying.

When setting our priorities, it is important to understand that Jesus is the holding power of all that is good in our lives, according to Colossians 1:17. He should always be our first priority because He holds everything together. A couple cannot have a good marriage if Jesus is not holding it together. In fact, people have difficulty having good personal relationships with *anybody* if Jesus is not leading and influencing individuals to love each other. Our finances are usually a mess without Jesus. Our thoughts are clouded and confused without Jesus. Our emotions are out of control without Him.

Colossians 1:18 tells us that Jesus is the head of the church body; therefore, He alone, in every respect, should occupy the chief place in our lives. If Jesus is not first in our lives, then we need to rearrange our priorities. Matthew 6:33 says if we seek "first of all" the kingdom of God and His righteousness, other things will be added to our lives. The *Amplified Bible* defines this righteousness as "His way of doing and being right." Seeking the kingdom means finding out how God wants things done; finding out how He wants us to treat people; finding out how He wants us to act in situations and circumstances; finding out what He wants us to do with our money; finding out what kind of an attitude we should have; even finding out what kind of entertainment Jesus approves of. Our lives will not be blessed if we keep God in a little Sunday-morning box and let Him have our priority attention for only forty-five minutes once a week during a church service. As long as we are here in this world, we will have to resist becoming like the world. Life in our world can be a daily battle, but the key to victory is to remember that Jesus holds everything together and that we need to keep Him first in our lives

(Amplified Bible;"The Everyday Life Bible"; 2005; Scripture, notes, commentaries; Joyce Meyer Ministry; pages 1962-1966)

**Psa 119:105**

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto  
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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