

## Colossians 1:1-12

**Colossians 1:1–12** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you heard *of it* and understood the grace of God in truth; just as you learned *it* from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit. For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

1. The Church is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, and God's goal is to make her \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus. **Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelation 19:7-8.**
2. God has made \_\_\_\_\_ or principles of \_\_\_\_\_ that apply to our individual lives, like laws of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. One of the \_\_\_\_\_ laws is that our \_\_\_\_\_ takes place primarily through and in our \_\_\_\_\_. **Ephesians 4:8-13, 4:15-16.**
4. One of the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ to spiritual growth and health is our proneness to \_\_\_\_\_ and prideful thinking that we don't \_\_\_\_\_ others. **Romans 12:3-6; 1 Corinthians.**

5. Most Christians have a \_\_\_\_\_ view of the church in general and a \_\_\_\_\_ level of \_\_\_\_\_ to their own church in particular.
6. Our \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual disciplines \_\_\_\_\_ in our own lives rises and falls on our personal \_\_\_\_\_ to our church body.
7. Another basic law of body life is that the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ that we \_\_\_\_\_ from our church family is \_\_\_\_\_ on how much we give. **Ephesians 4:29; 2 Corinthians 9:6; Luke 6:38.**
8. A major \_\_\_\_\_ that we have in our mutual \_\_\_\_\_ in each other's lives is \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Another key principle is that God \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives \_\_\_\_\_ other people, not \_\_\_\_\_.
10. I can pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ needs, but I have far more power and influence with God when I pray for \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The emphasis in the New Testament is \_\_\_\_\_ that we would pray for each other's \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
12. I pray for you that you would \_\_\_\_\_ God's perfect \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for your life.

13. I pray that you would \_\_\_\_\_ to follow God's \_\_\_\_\_ and will  
for your life, walking \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.

14. I pray that you will \_\_\_\_\_ your life in such a way as to \_\_\_\_\_ Him in  
every \_\_\_\_\_ of your life.

15. I pray that you would \_\_\_\_\_ much \_\_\_\_\_ for Him and that you  
will do \_\_\_\_\_ well at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

16. I pray that God will \_\_\_\_\_ you His \_\_\_\_\_ in order to live  
\_\_\_\_\_ for Him.

17. I pray that God will fill you with His \_\_\_\_\_ in spite of \_\_\_\_\_  
and that you will not \_\_\_\_\_ about anything.

18. I pray that God will \_\_\_\_\_ you from the \_\_\_\_\_.

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