

## (LIGHT) (LOVE) (LEARN)

[1:1] Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

[2] To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

[Thanksgiving and Prayer]

[3] We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, [4] since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, [5] because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

[11] May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, (LOVE) [12] giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. [13] and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

[21] And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, (LOVE) [22] he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

### Love the Lord

1. He has qualified us to share in the kingdom of his son and the inheritance of the saints.
2. He has redeemed us from and forgiven us of our sins
3. He has reconciled us in his body of flesh by his death so that we may be holy, blameless and above reproach.

[9] And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge (LEARN) of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

(LEARN) He has delivered us from the domain of darkness

[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (LOVE) [16] For (LEARN) [17] And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18] And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. [19] For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, [20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

[23] (LEARN) if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed

**(LEARN)** [26] the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. [27] To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Learn the Truth:

1. The three levels of learning are revealed in the words Knowledge (God's big picture), spiritual wisdom (an ability to perceive the intertwining of the big picture and the small details), and understanding (the details).
2. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
3. Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
4. Jesus is above all things and in him all things hold together.
5. Jesus is the head of the church.
6. Jesus is the firstborn from the dead and is preeminent of all things.
7. In Jesus the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.
8. Through Jesus God reconciles to Himself all things
9. Through the cross Jesus made peace.
10. Being reconciled, made blameless and above reproach is conditional upon your continuing in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the Gospel.
11. Christ in us was the hope of glory, the mystery of the ages, and the riches of Glory for the Gentiles.

[7] just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant.

**(LIGHT)** He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf [8] and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

[10] **(LIGHT)** so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

**(LEARN)** Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, [6] which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,

**(LIGHT)** in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

[24] Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, [25] of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, **(LIGHT)** [28] Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. [29] For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

**[2:1]**

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, [2] that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, [4] I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. (LIGHT) [5] For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the

[6] Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, (LIGHT) [7] rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Light the World:

1. Walking in a manner worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him, and bearing fruit
2. Abounding in thanksgiving
3. Living a life of good order and firmness in your faith in Christ.
4. being a faithful minister.
5. Your hearts are encouraged and you are knit together with the other saints,
6. Sometimes it means toiling and struggling for the faith of others.

(LOVE) [9] For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, [10] and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. (LOVE) having forgiven us all our trespasses, [14] by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. [15] He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. (LOVE) firmness of your faith in Christ.

We Love the Lord because:

1. He is the fullness of God and through Jesus we may be "filled" with Him also.
2. He is the head of all rule and authority
3. He has forgiven us our trespasses and cancelled the record of debt that stood against us.
4. He disarmed the rulers and authorities.

We demonstrate our Love for the Lord:

1. Continuing our firmness of faith in Christ
2. By Learning the Truth
3. By Lighting the World

and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. (LEARN) to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, [3] in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

(LEARN) [8] See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. [11] In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made

without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, [12] having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

**(LEARN)** [13] And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him,

**(LEARN)** [16] Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. [17] These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. [18] Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, [19] and not holding fast to the Head,

— **(LEARN)** [21] “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” [22] (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings?

[23] These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

[ **(LEARN)** [7] In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. [8] But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. [9] Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices [10] and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. [11] Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

**(LEARN)** [16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

We Learn the truths of:

1. Walking in darkness is living with and “practicing” anger, wrath, malice, slander, obscene talk, and lying to one another.
2. Walking in light is comes by being renewed in knowledge of the image of our creator.
3. There is no prejudice.
4. There is a false religion that can look like truth it has a lot of rules, don’t touch, don’t taste, don’t handle. It tends to focus on questions about food, festivals, and religious activities. It can promote worship of angels, encourage a renunciation of worldly pleasures in order to attain a high spiritual or intellectual state. This type of religion can disqualify you

We learn the truth by:

5. Letting the word of Christ dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish others while we are singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in our hearts toward God.

Learning the Truth leads us to:

6. Spiritual maturity, a full assurance in our faith, an exciting understanding of a God sized mystery that holds all the treasures of eternal wisdom and knowledge.

**(LOVE)** from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

[20] If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations

**(LOVE)** [2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

[3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**(LOVE)** [12] Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, **(LOVE)** which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

[15] And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

[24] **(LOVE)** knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. [25] For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

We Love the Lord because:

1. He supports a growth from nourishment and support that comes through the church.
2. He hides our life with Christ in Him.
3. Our life can appear with Him in glory
4. God has called us His chosen ones, holy and beloved..

We demonstrate our Love for the Lord:

1. Setting our minds on things above
2. Letting the peace of Christ rule in our hearts as a church, united and grateful in all things.
3. Serving the Lord Christ.

**3:1]**

If then you have been raised with Christ,

**(LIGHT)** seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**(LIGHT)** [5] Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. [6] On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

**(LIGHT)** humility, meekness, and patience, [13] bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. [14] And above all these put on love, [17] And whatever you do, **(LIGHT)** in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

[18] Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. [19] Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. [20] Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. [21] Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. [22] Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. [23] Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

We light our world by:

1. Seeking things above
2. Putting to death whatever is earthly (sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry)
3. Living a life of humility, meekness, and patience, [13] bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other.
4. Doing everything in word and deed with a thankful attitude and for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. Wives submitting, Husbands loving, children & slaves obeying.
6. Whatever you do – working heartily as unto the Lord.

#### **[4:1]**

Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. [2] Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. [3] At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—

[5] Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. [6] Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

[9] and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

[12] Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, **(LIGHT)** always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. [13] For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. **(BLACK)**

We Light our world by:

1. Treating our slaves justly
2. Continuing steadfastly in prayer
3. Walking in wisdom – making the best use of time.
4. Being gracious in speech always ready to give an answer to each person.
5. Telling others of the good things happening in the church.
6. Praying and bearing testimony on other people's behalf.

[7] Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister **(LOVE)** and fellow **servant in the Lord**.