

# Four Letters Of Paul



**Galatians**  
**Ephesians**  
**Philippians**  
**Colossians**



*I can do all things through Christ  
Which strengthens me  
Philippians Ch 4v13*

# The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the **GALATIANS**

**1 Paul, an apostle not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead,  
2 and all the brethren who are with me, to the churches of Galatia.  
3 grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,  
4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,  
5 to whom be glory forevermore and ever. Amen  
6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,  
7 which is not another ; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.  
8 But if we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel to you, let him be accursed.  
9 As we said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you, than what you have received let him be accursed.  
10 For do I now persuade men, or God? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.  
11 But I make known to you brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.  
12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.  
13 For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.  
14 And I advanced I Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.  
15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace.  
16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,  
17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostils before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus**

**18** Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days,

**19** But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

**20** Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed before God I do not lie.

**21** Afterwards I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.

**22** And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judah which were in Christ.

**23** But they were hearing only, He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy,

**24** And they glorified God in me.

### *Chapter 2*

**1** Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Timothy with me.

**2** And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preached among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run in vain.

**3** You not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.

**4** And this occurred because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in the stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage)

**5** to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

**6** But from those who seemed to be something-whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favouritism to no man, for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me.

**7** But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for circumcised was to Peter,

**8** for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised, also worked effectively in me towards the Gentiles,

**9** and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

**10 They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.**

**11 Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed;**

**12 for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision.**

**13 And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.**

**14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, If you being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews.?**

**15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law; for by works of the law no flesh shall be justified.**

**17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin?**

**Certainly not!**

**18 For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.**

**19 For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.**

**20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

**21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.**

### ***Chapter 3***

**1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?**

**2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law, or by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**

**3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are now being perfect by the flesh?**

**4 Have you suffered so many things in vain-if indeed it was in vain.**

**5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does he do it by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith?**

**6 just as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.**

**7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.**

**8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying “*in you all the nations shall be blessed*”**

**9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham**

**10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse for it is written, “*Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them*”**

**11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, “*for the just shall live by faith*”**

**12 Yet the law is not of faith, “*but the man who does them shall live by them*”**

**13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us ( for it is written. “*Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree*”)**

**14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

**15 Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man’s covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.**

**16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made.**

**He does not say, And to seeds, as of many, but as of one, “*And to your Seed*” who is Christ**

**17 And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect**

**18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.**

**19** What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator  
**20** Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one.  
**21** Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.  
**22** But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.  
**23** But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.  
**24** Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.  
**25** But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.  
**26** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.  
**27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ  
**28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.  
**29** And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

#### ***Chapter 4***

**1** Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all,  
**2** but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.  
**3** Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.  
**4** But when the fullness of the time come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law.  
**5** to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.  
**6** And because you are His sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, Abba Father!  
**7** Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.  
**8** But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods.

**9 But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?**

**10 You observe days and months and seasons and years.**

**11 I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.**

**12 Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I became like you. You have not injured me at all.**

**13 You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at first.**

**14 And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus**

**15 What then was the blessing you enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.**

**16 Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth ?**

**17 They zealously court you, but for no good; yes they want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them.**

**18 But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you.**

**19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,**

**20 I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you.**

**21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?**

**22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons; the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.**

**23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise,**

**24 which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar**

**25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children-**

**26 but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.**

**27 For it is written: *“Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear!***

***Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband”***

**28** Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.

**29** But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.

**30** Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? *“Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman”*

**31** So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

### ***Chapter 5***

**1** Stand fast therefore in liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

**2** Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.

**3** And I testify again to everyman who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law.

**4** You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you who have fallen from grace.

**5** For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

**6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

**7** You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

**8** This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you.

**9** A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

**10** I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgement, whoever he is.

**11** And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offence of the cross has ceased.

**12** I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off!

**13** For you, brethren have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

**14** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this:

*“You shall love your neighbour as yourself”*

**15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!**

**16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

**17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.**

**18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**

**19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: Adultery-Fornication-Uncleanness-Lewdness**

**20 Idolatry-Sorcery-Hatred-Contentions-Jealousies-Outbursts of Wrath-Selfish ambitions-Dissensions-Heresies**

**21 Envy-Murders-Drunkenness-Revelries– and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is Love-Joy-Peace-Longsuffering-Kindness-Goodness-Faithfulness.**

**23 Gentleness-Self-control. Against such there is no law.**

**24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**

**25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**

**26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.**

## ***Chapter 6***

**1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.**

**2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.**

**For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.**

**4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.**

**5 For each one shall bear his own load.**

**6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.**

**7 Do not be deceive, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows that shall he reap**

**8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life**

**9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.**

**10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.**

**11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand**

**12 As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.**

**13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.**

**14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.**

**15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.**

**16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.**

**17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.**

**18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.**

### ***Foot Note***

***The Apostil Paul wrote thirteen Epistles or Letters ,which all begin with his name Paul. They are Romans-1&2 Corinthians-Galatians-Ephesians-Philippians-Colossians-1&2Thessalonians-1&2Timothy-Titus and Philemon. There are some controversial arguments over Hebrews, some say Paul wrote it while others argue that he didn't. I myself is not particularly concerned, I know the author is God, and the person who did write it was inspired and wrote as the Holy Spirit led him. This booklet contains four of those letters from the NKJ,version of the Holy Bible they are, Galatians-Ephesians-Philippians-Colossians. I pray they make your reading and understand of God's word more enjoyable and interesting.***

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# ***A Friend is a Rainbow***

*Is a good friend someone  
Who tells you you're right  
When he knows very well  
That you're wrong*

*No! A friend is someone  
Who tells you the truth  
Knowing well that the truth  
makes you strong*

*A friend is someone  
Who comes to your aid  
When the world has collapsed at your feet  
He picks you up and dusts you down  
Then places you back in your seat*

*A friend is a rainbow  
Who colours your life  
And brings a smile to your face  
And when you're threatened  
With illness, sorrow or pain  
He'll gladly stand in your place*

*Without a friend you're nothing  
You know nothing of friendship or love  
But the greatest friend you'll ever have  
Is the friend who reigns from above.*

*Jim Smyth*

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# The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians

**1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus;**

**2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.**

**4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,**

**5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,**

**6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved**

**7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace,**

**8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence**

**9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,**

**10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth-in Him.**

**11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,**

**12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.**

**13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also having believed you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,**

**14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.**

**15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,**

**16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:**

**17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,**

**18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,**

**19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ,**

**20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in heavenly places,**

**21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.**

**22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church,**

**23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**

## ***Chapter 2***

**1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,**

**2 in which you once walked according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,**

**3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.**

**4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,**

**5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ ( by grace you have been saved ),**

**6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places with Christ Jesus,**

**7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

**8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,**

**9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.**

**10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**

**11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcised by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands.**

**12 that at that time you 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.**

**13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**

**14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,**

**15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from two, thus making peace,**

**16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.**

**17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.**

**18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.**

**19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,**

**20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,**

**21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,**

**22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.**

### ***Chapter 3***

**1 For this reason I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles,**

**2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God Which was given to me for you,**

**3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,**

**4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)**

5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets  
6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,  
7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.  
8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,  
9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;  
10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,  
11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.  
13 Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.  
14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord our Jesus Christ,  
15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,  
16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory,  
To be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man  
17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,  
18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height,  
19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.  
20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,  
21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen

## ***Chapter 4***

**1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,**

**2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,**

**3 endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

**4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;**

**6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all .**

**7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

**8 Therefore He says: *When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.***"

**9 ( Now this, *He ascended*-what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?**

**10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things )**

**11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,**

**12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,**

**13 till we all come to the unity of the faith, and to the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.**

**14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,**

**15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-Christ**

**16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.**

**17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,**

**18** having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the like of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;

**19** who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

**20** But you have not so learned Christ,

**21** if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

**22** that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

**23** and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

**24** and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

**25** Therefore, putting away lying, *Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbour,*” for we are members of one another.

**26** Be angry, and do not sin”do not let the sun go down on your wrath

**27** nor give place to the devil.

**28** Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

**29** Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

**30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**31** Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

**32** And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

## ***Chapter 5***

**1** Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

**2** And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

**3** But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

**4** neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

**5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.**

**6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.**

**7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.**

**8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light**

**9 for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.**

**11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.**

**12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.**

**13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.**

**14 Therefore He says: Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.**

**15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.**

**17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.**

**18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,**

**19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,**

**20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.**

**22 Wives, submit to your own husband, as to the Lord.**

**23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as also Christ is the head of the church; and He is Savior of the body.**

**24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.**

**25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,**

**26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,**

**27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.**

**28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.**

**29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.**

**30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.**

**31 *For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.***”

**32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

**33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.**

## ***Chapter 6***

**1 Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.**

**2 *Honour your father and mother,* which is the first commandment with promise:**

**3 *that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.***

**4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.**

**5 Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ**

**6 not with eye service, as men pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,**

**7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men,**

**8 knowing that what ever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.**

**9 And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and, and there is no partiality with Him.**

**10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.**

**11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against wiles of the devil.**

**12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

**13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

**14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,**

**15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;**

**16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.**

**17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;**

**18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints,**

**19 and for me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,**

**20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.**

**21 But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you;**

**22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts.**

**23 Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen...**

### ***Foot Note***

***Verse 20 For which I am an ambassador in chains.***

***The most proved verse in the Bible must be 2nd Corinthians 5v17.***

***Paul or Saul, who once despised and hated the Christians so much so he wanted to rid the world of them. Now a new man altogether, a new mindset, with a complete different outlook to God's people the Christians. Changed so much by the love of God he became an ambassador to Jesus Christ, Thank God we can change. Amen***

# ***Will We Accept His love***

*To everyone He was just a friend  
A man who cared for others  
He walked with men from every race  
And treated them as brothers.*

*When men fell sick He cured their ills  
He loved them, every one  
And yet He knew He had to die  
Before His work was done.*

*His Father placed Him on the earth  
To cleanse the sins of man  
And at a town called Bethlehem  
The Saviours work began.*

*Through all the lands of sun and sand  
He laboured day by day  
Healing deadly sickness  
And washing sins away.*

*But men of sin denounced the Lamb  
Not knowing of their loss  
Took Jesus off to Calvary  
And nailed Him to a cross.*

*Did Jesus in His agony  
Give up His life in vain  
Or will one day, all mankind on earth  
Accept His love again?*

*Jim Smyth*

# **The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Philippians**

**1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ who are in Philippi with the bishops and deacons:**

**2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**

**3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,**

**4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy**

**5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,**

**6 being confident of this very thing, that He who begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;**

**7 just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace**

**8 For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.**

**9 And this I pray, that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and all discernment,**

**10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ,**

**11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.**

**12 But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,**

**13 so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ;**

**14 and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear**

**15 Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill:**

**16 The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains;**

**17 but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defence of the gospel.**

18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes and will rejoice  
19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,  
20 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.  
21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain  
22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor, yet what shall I choose I cannot tell.  
23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.  
24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you.  
25 And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith,  
26 that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.  
27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,  
28 and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God  
29 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,  
30 having the same conflict which you saw in me and now here is in me.

## *Chapter 2*

1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,  
2 fulfil my joy by being likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of mind.  
3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.  
4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interest of others

**5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,  
7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bond-servant, and coming in the likeness of men.  
8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.  
9 Therefore God has also highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,  
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,  
11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.  
12 Therefore, my beloved as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;  
13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.  
14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,  
15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,  
16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.  
17 Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all  
18 For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.  
19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.  
20 For I have no one like minded, who will sincerely care for your state.  
21 For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus  
22 But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served me in the gospel.  
23 Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me.  
24 But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.**

**25 Yet I consider it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;**

**26 since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.**

**27 For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.**

**28 Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.**

**29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem;**

**30 because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service towards me.**

### ***Chapter 3***

**1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.**

**2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation**

**3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,**

**4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh, if anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:**

**5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee**

**6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.**

**7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ**

**8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them rubbish, that I may gain Christ**

**9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ the righteousness which is from God by faith;**

**10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,**

**11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead**

**12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.**

**13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,**

**14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

**15 Therefore let us, as many are mature, have this mind; and if anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.**

**16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.**

**17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.**

**18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:**

**19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their mind on earthly things.**

**20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,**

**21 Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.**

### ***Chapter 4***

**1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved**

**2 I implore Euodia and implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.**

**3 And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.**

**4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice!**

**5 let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.**

**6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God**

**7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus**

**8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy- meditate on those things**  
**9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.**  
**10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.**  
**11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:**  
**12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.**  
**13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**  
**14 Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress**  
**15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.**  
**16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities**  
**17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.**  
**18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.**  
**19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**  
**20 Now to our God and Father be glory for ever and ever Amen**  
**21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.**  
**22 All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household.**  
**23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all Amen**

## The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Colossians

**1 Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our Brother,**

**2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ praying always for you,**

**4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;**

**5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,**

**6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;**

**7 as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,**

**8 who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.**

**9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;**

**10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God**

**11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;**

**12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.**

**13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,**

**14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.**

**15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation**

**16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers, all things were created through Him and for Him**

**17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.**  
**18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.**  
**19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell**  
**20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.**  
**21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled,**  
**22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight-**  
**23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I Paul, became a minister.**  
**24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,**  
**25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God,**  
**26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.**  
**27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory if this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**  
**28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus**  
**29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.**

## ***Chapter 2***

**1 For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh.**  
**2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance on understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ**

**3** in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.  
**4** Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words  
**5** For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

**6** As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord so walk in Him.

**7** rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

**8** Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the traditions of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

**9** For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

**10** and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and powers.

**11** In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

**12** buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

**13** And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

**14** having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

**15** Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

**16** So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths,

**17** which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

**18** Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind

**19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments grows with the increase that is from God.**

**20 Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations,**

**21 Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,**

**22 which all concern things which perish with the using-according to the commandments and doctrines of men?**

**23 These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.**

### ***Chapter 3***

**1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.**

**2 Set your on things above, not on things on earth.**

**3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

**4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.**

**5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.**

**6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,**

**7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.**

**8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.**

**9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,**

**10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,**

**11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.**

**12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;**

**13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.**

**14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.**

**15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.**

**16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.**

**17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**

**18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.**

**19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter towards them.**

**20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.**

**21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.**

**22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.**

**23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men**

**24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.**

**25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.**

#### ***Chapter 4***

**1 Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.**

**2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving**

**3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,**

**4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.**

**5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time**

**6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.**

**7 Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me.**

**8 I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts,**

**9 with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you They will make known to you all things which are happening here**

**10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you with Mark the cousin on Barnabas ( about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him )**

**11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.**

**12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.**

**13 For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.**

**14 Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.**

**15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church that is in his house.**

**16 Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also on the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.**

**17 And say to Archipus, Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.**

**18 This salutation by my own hand-Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you Amen.**

### ***Foot Note***

Let me draw your attention to verse 11. *These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God.* We all need support, encouragers, Paul depended on encouragers Barnabas was a great encourager to Paul. The work of the Lord can be difficult at times, many a good Christian pastor folded under the strain. I hear people saying they would like to be a Paul or a David. They don't know what they're asking, these men had difficult hard lives. Paul describes some of his suffering in 2nd Corinthians Ch 11 v 21– 33 Plus a lot more, Why did he suffer those things ? Because he loved Christ his Saviour.. Amen