

One of the shorter letters of Paul, but one of great importance + value
 - Colossae: located on South bank, Lycus River in the interior of Roman province of Asia (an area included in modern Turkey).

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100 miles east of Ephesus, a district of great wealth + large population

STUDY OUTLINE OF COLOSSIANS

INTRODUCTION:

1:1-14

- Probably greatest center of wool industry in ancient world - Dyeing
 - In the age of Persian + Greek empires, C. located on main Trade route linking Ephesus in the West + Persia in the East. 60/61 AD, devastated by a great earthquake
 By 1040 C. no longer existed as a city + 170 AD, town was completely deserted - today ruins, near city modern Honas

I. SALUTATION - vv. 1, 2

a Pauline Church
 Epaphras
 a Gentile Church

1. The Writer - Paul

- (1) An Apostle sent from Christ
- (2) An Apostle summoned by the will of God.

a Troubled Church
 Heresy
 Judaism
 Gnosticism
 Xenity
 temple, not to deny, but to
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The Readers

- (1) Their Geographical Location - "In Colossae"
- (2) Their Spiritual Location - "In Christ"
- (3) Their Character:
 - a. Saints (separated ones)
 - b. Faithful (believers)
 - c. Brethren (a term of affection, pointing to oneness of parenthood)

3. The Greeting

- (1) Grace -- root of peace
- (2) Peace -- fruit of grace
- (3) To you -- from God

II. THANKSGIVING -- vv 3-8

1. Character of Thanksgiving

- (1) Addressed to God
- (2) When he prayed

2. Cause of Thanksgiving

Presence of God's blessings on them -- vs. 4 -- "Having heard..."

- (1) Their Faith
- (2) Their Love
- (3) Their Hope
 - a. This hope is secure -- "laid up in heaven for you."
 - b. This hope comes from the Gospel of Christ -- "ye heard before in . . . the gospel."

3. Content of Thanksgiving

- (1) Progress of the Gospel vv. 5b, 6
 - a. The word of truth.
 - b. Fruit-bearing power in the world.
 - c. Universal -- everyone needs it.
 - d. Reveals the grace of God to men.
- (2) Personal Work of Epaphras
 - a. A fellow-servant v. 7
 - b. A faithful servant v. 7
 - c. A fruitful servant v. 8

5 - Jesus
 6 - others
 7 - Paul

III. PAUL'S PRAYER -- vv. 9-14

1. The Reason for Praying vs. 9 -- "For this cause ... refers back to preceding verses, i. e., the news of God's blessings upon them.
2. The Request of Prayer -- vv. 9b, 10 -- "A Worthy Life." *The Fountain*
 - (1) The Foundation of a Worthy Life -- "filled with the knowledge of His will." *The Flow*
 - (2) The Goal of a Worthy Life -- vs. 10 -- "unto all pleasing." Please God in everything.
 - (3) The Ingredients of a Worthy Life -- vv. 10b - 14 *The Fulness*
 - a. Bearing fruit.
 - b. Increasing in the knowledge of God.
 - c. Strengthened with all Power.
 - d. Gratitude to God.
 - (a) Partakers of the inheritance of the saints.
 - (b) Delivered from the power of darkness.
 - (c) Redeemed and forgiven of our sins.

INTERPRETATION: 1 - 15 --- 3:4

I. THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST 1:15 -- 2:7

1. The Reach of His Supremacy -- vv. 15-18

- (1) Supreme in Revelation v. 15
- (2) Supreme in Creation vv. 15b-17
 - a. He is the Power of Creation v. 16
 - b. He is the Preserver of Creation v. 17
 - c. He is the Purpose of Creation v. 16b
- (3) Supreme in Re-creation v. 18
 - a. Christ is inseparable from the church
 - b. Christ and the church are not identical
 - c. A warning

2. The Right of His Supremacy -- vv. 19-22

- (1) Because of His Diety v. 19
- (2) Because of His Death v. 20 - 22
 - a. The Meaning of Reconciliation v. 20 "Having made peace."
 - b. The Means of Reconciliation. v. 20, 21 "Through the blood." "Through death."
 - c. The Motive of Reconciliation. v. 22 "To present you holy and without blemish ..."

3. The Result of His Supremacy 1:24-2:7

- (1) Fellowship in His Sufferings. v. 24
- (2) Faithfulness in His Service. v. 25-29
 - a. Meaning of service v. 25 "Dispensation" Primarily responsible to God.
 - b. Method of service v. 28
 - (a) With Urgency and authority -- "Whom we preach"
 - (b) With Warning -- "warning every man."
 - (c) With Teaching -- "teaching every man."
 - (d) With Inclusiveness -- "every man."
 - c. Motive of service v. 28b -- "that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."
 - d. Manner of service v. 29
 - (a) Human energy -- "I labour, striving . . ."
 - (b) Heavenly enablement -- "according to HIS working, which worketh in me mightily."

(3) Fruitfulness in His Saints 2:1-7

- a. Courage. v. 2
- b. Compassion. v. 2
- c. Confidence. v. 2, 3, 4
- d. Consistency. v. 5
- e. Conformity. vv 6, 7
- f. Completeness. v. 8, 9, 10

II. THE SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST 2:8- 3:4

1. We are COMPLETE IN CHRIST vv. 9, 10 because of:

- (1) The full Deity of Christ v. 9
- (2) The real Humanity of Christ (bodily) v. 9
- (3) The complete Adequacy of Christ v. 10

2. Because we are COMPLETE IN CHRIST we are warned against trusting other things to complete our salvation. 2:8-23

- (1) Radical Philosophies - v. 8 "not after Christ"
- (2) Religious Performances vv. 11,12
- (3) Rigid Prohibitions vv. 16-23

3. The true CHECK AGAINST SIN is found in setting your affections on things above. 3:1-4

- (1) You died. v. 3
- (2) You were raised. v. 1
- (3) You are hidden. v. 3
- (4) You will appear. v. 4

False Paths to Fulness

Col. 2:1-6

Intro - How do we get there from here - Fulness

The same way we got here: v. 1-7

Chapter is

Filled w/ Warning

1 - Intellectualism - vs 4, v. 8 - The Heresy; Colossian = Gnosticism = secret knowledge - high-sounding phrases - sounded good because you didn't understand what they were saying - new, unheard of truths (a New age type of religion, angels, beings)

2 - Charismatic matter = poor relations because of you have in Jesus. Not wanting to preach on Cross

The answer is w 9, 10 - Complete in X - horoscope - "what are you?" born under what sign - Scorpio & Pisces

2 - Legalism - 2:16 - observing laws, rules, rituals - Judaism (Law of Moses)

Difference between obligation & opportunity = early quiet time - that's biology - not an endurance test

- shadow of what is to come = picture of manners (Picture of Kings) - like eating a ~~man~~ ^{man}

3 - Mysticism v 2:18 - Elite Experiences (Mysticism = shutting down the senses)

Personal Experiences regardless of what the Word says

- Just Connection w/ The Head = Mysticism = individual, personal, not the whole body

4 - Asceticism - w 20 of rules & regulations - harsh discipline

- feeds the flesh & is impotent (Sins of Youth)

The Solution? - Chapter 3 -

Thomas Chalmers - The Expulsive Power of a New Affection (Cubbing horse)

"we introduced her to a fitter boy."

The change in the Xian's life ought to be as drastic & radical as death!

INSTRUCTION: 3:5-4:6

I. PRINCIPLES OF PRACTICE 3:1-4

Let your conduct conform to your experience

II. PRACTICING THE PRINCIPLES 3:5-4:6 -- A series of exhortations applying the principles in everyday practice.

1. "Put to Death" vv. 5-7 -- Sins of Desire
 - (1) Impurity v. 5
 - (2) Greed. v. 5
2. "Put Off" vv. 8, 9 -- Sins of Disposition
 - (1) Anger
 - (2) Wrath
 - (3) Malice
 - (4) Blasphemy
 - (5) Filthy Language
 - (6) Lying
3. "Put On" vv. 10-17
 - (1) The New Man vv. 10-14
 - a. Creation of the new man. v. 10
 - b. Continuous Growth of the new man v. 10 -- "renewed"
 - (a) Purpose of Growth -- "unto perfect knowledge"
 - (b) Pattern of growth -- "After the image of him that created him."
 - c. Controlling Force of the new man vv. 11
 - (a) Christ is in all.
 - (b) Christ is is all.
 - d. Clothing of the new man vv. 12-14 -- "Put on."
 - (2) The New Mastery vv. 15-17
 - a. The Peace of Christ v. 15 "Rule in your hearts"
 - b. The Word of Christ v. 16 "Dwell in you richly."
 - c. The Name of Christ v. 17 "Whatsoever ye do ... do all ..."
4. Practice Christianity in all your Relations 3:18 -- 4:1
 - (1) At Home 3:18-21 -- Paul starts in heaven and winds up in the kitchen! Holiness starts at home.
 - a. Relation of Husband and Wife vv. 18, 19
 - (a) Wife is to be subject (loyal) to husband.
 - (b) Husband is to love wife and not be irritable toward her.
 - b. Relation of Children and Parents. vv. 20, 21
 - (a) Children are to give unqualified obedience because it is well-pleasing to the Lord.
 - (b) Fathers are to deserve this obedience; they are to make it easy for the children to obey.
 - (2) At Work 3:22-4:1
5. Christian Imperatives 4:2-6
 - (1) It is imperative that we Pray. vv. 2-4
 - a. How are we to pray? v. 2

- (a) Continually "Continue" -- (steadfastly, spend much time in).
- (b) With Spiritual alertness -- "Watch"
- (c) With Gratitude "With thanksgiving."
- b. For what are we to pray? vv. 3, 4.
 - (a) For witnessing opportunities v. 3 "a door of utterance."
 - (b) For power to take advantage of these opportunities effectively". v. 4

- (2) It is imperative that we Witness. vv. 5, 6
 - a. Witness with Walk v. 5
 - (a) Walk wisely
 - (b) Walk redeeming the time
 - b. Witness with Words v. 6
 - (a) With Grace
 - (b) With salt
 - i. Makes Thirsty
 - ii. Symbol of purity
 - iii. Preserves from corruption

II. PAUL'S PERSONAL COLUMN 4:7-18

- 1. Commendations vv. 7-9
- 2. Greetings vv. 10-15
- 3. Instructions vv. 16, 17
- 4. Benediction vv. 18

He transferred us - 9/16/01
to whom we are having redemption

Col 1:12-14

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who has been authorizing us"

→ V 12. ἐκάρωσαντι - ἐκάρω act part - ἐκάρω - to make sufficient, to qualify, to authorize. This is a qualification for inheritance due solely to the grace of θ -
→ this word strongly emphasizes θ 's grace in our salvation. HE did it. We did not qualify.

~~μερίδα~~

μερίδα - μερίς - part, portion, division of a country

κληρον - lot, a portion assigned -

φωσ - the inheritance is "in the light" because He who is the Light dwells there & fills heaven w/ His marvelous light.

The intercession changes into a summons. To give thanks, expresses a new thought - the subject is no longer the conduct of believer - The community is now urged to praise θ .

Light - ~~the~~ the domain - By θ 's unfathomable mercy, He has already made his own capable of participating in the heavenly inheritance, & also are capable of conducting themselves in the light - This domain determines their conduct of life here & now

Inheritance - Israel in Canaan. But our inheritance belongs to a higher plane & a more lasting order than any earthly kingdom / Canaan.

→ Note relation to previous ~~word~~ word = on the one hand we are living lives that require patience & long suffering, yet at the same time we are rejoicing in our inheritance w/ no stint in the light

v. 12 - the statement expresses the fact that D takes the initiative in bringing them into the realm of His righteous presence.

- qualify - only in 1 Cor 3: 6 - ministry - suggests that salvation requires specific qualities that no one possesses by himself.

- D's initiative guarantees that His people will be able to inherit what is promised them.

2:1-7 - 1 - aware of danger v. 4 (cf. v. 8, 16, 18)

2 - encouraged - v. 1

3 - Full understanding of truth

4 - close ranks v. 5

5 - v. 6, 7

- The Sufficiency of X - 2:6-9, 10 → 3:1, the theme turns back on itself & shows us how to appropriate in practical terms the Sufficiency of X.

2:6 - "Back to Jesus!"

The False Teaching

Two words identify: ① Philosophy 2:8 ② Forced Piety, self-imposed religion, self-made religion, will-worship - 2:23

- Note: see Martin, p. 19 para 4, 5 - in chapter 2 of Paul mentions the ascetic rules - don't touch, etc - but in 3:5, he deals w/ the opposite - moral debauchery - How can it be that in one moment you have restrictions & then you have the opposite and immorality & greed - Today: some more who preach hardest against competing are themselves engaged.

- the C. would remain safe from spiritual
seduction if they continued to walk in submission to
him.

v. 8 - "spoil you"

v. 16 - "judge you"

v. 18 - "beguile you"

v. 20 - Subject to ordinances
"will worship"

v. 5 - 8 $\sigma\upsilon\lambda\alpha\gamma\omega\chi\omega\upsilon\upsilon$ - here act part 8 $\sigma\upsilon\lambda\alpha\gamma\omega\gamma\epsilon\omega$ -
to carry off as booty or as a captive - kidnap =
here carrying someone away from the truth into the slavery
of error

v. 16 Condemn - $\kappa\rho\acute{\iota}\nu\epsilon\tau\omega$ ^{or $\kappa\rho\acute{\iota}\nu\omega$} pres act imp - to judge, to take
over the task - the pres imp w/ the negative calls for the
stopping of an action in progress or indicates that
an action should not be a habitual one.

v. 18 disqualify - $\kappa\alpha\tau\alpha\beta\rho\alpha\beta\epsilon\upsilon\epsilon\tau\omega$ = pres act imp of
 $\kappa\alpha\tau\alpha\beta\rho\alpha\beta\epsilon\upsilon\omega$ - to decide against someone, to give
judgment against someone.

the greatest struggle I have in prayer preaching is to keep
ME out of The Way - no pride, self-glory, applause -
Thinking I am something - biggest battle - I've lived
years off the price of man - how do I really mean it
I reject all recognition - I'm singing in choir, etc - not
be preacher

- 2:1-45 - what Paul wants → 1) Encouraged
- 2) knit together in love 3) full understanding
- 4) closing ranks & standing firm & not deceived by
those clever words -

All right - how is to be accomplished? Very
simple, really - v. 6, 7 therefore, walk in Him.
1 - Intellectualism

2 - Legalism - ritual, ceremony - O.T. - opportunities &
obligations - service won't make you spiritual

3 - Mysticism

4 - Asceticism

1:1-14 - Introduction 1, 2 - Salutation
 3-8 - Thanksgiving
 9-14 - Prayer & Petition

COLOSSIANS 1.1-1.9 [472]

vs 1, 2 - Salutation to Paul - Writer
 (1) Paul asserts his Apostleship. "Sent from Christ Jesus"
 (2) Apostle by will of God -

2 - Readers (1) Geographical locality - Colossae (2) Character: Saints (separation or consecration) & Faithful (believers)
 e - Brethren = a term of affection - points to
 (3) Spiritual Position: "In Christ"

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL

TO THE

COLOSSIANS

1 - Christian Greeting: Grace - root of Peace
 Thanksgiving vs 3-8 - (1) Circumstances (2) Character of Thanksgiving addressed to God
 (3) Grounds & occasions for Thanksgiving

vs 4-8 - (1) News of the welfare of the Colossian Christians
 (2) Progress of the Gospel / News - "having heard" (causal part) - Paul had never visited
 (3) Work of Epaphras / the Church (a) Their Faith (b) their love (c) the hope

(d) Faith - in Christ Jesus (e) love toward all saints (f) hope - "because of the hope"
 three things about hope - i - not subjective but objective hope. ii - hope which is secure
 "faith in heaven" iii - the knowledge of hope comes from the Gospel of Christ. - the
 Gospel which was originally preached to you

vs 5-6 - (a) Word of truth (which is the Gospel) (b) fruit of the Gospel
 (c) fruit-bearing power in the world - (d) Overflows the knowledge of the Grace
 of God.

(e) Work of Epaphras (a) Paul's personal
 representative "our beloved fellow servant"
 (b) messenger to all Colossians

1:9-14 - Prayer & Petition -

1 - The Reason for Prayers - vs 9 - "For this cause"
 refers back to preceding verse - welfare of Colossians

2 - The Burden of the Prayer - "a worthy walk"
 the outward conduct of life - living the fruit
 of life which is some sense would correspond
 to what God has done for us - conformity with
 fact of our union with Christ. (Mark: like a
 living source: knowledge of will of God - stream: walking
 in truth - spreading streams: increasing, bearing fruit, etc.)

3 - Moral Basis of Worthy Life - "unto all pleasing"
 knowledge of God's Will, (only way - complete knowledge)

4 - Moral Basis of Worthy Life - "unto all pleasing"
 Please God in everything - Pleasing is the anticipation
 of everything that would please God.

5 - Ingredients of a Worthy Life vs 10-14
 4 participles modifying infinitives "to walk"
 a - bearing fruit - takes form of good works
 b - increasing - growth - in the
 (e) in: in the realm, sphere of -
 by (er) - grow by means of the knowledge of God -

c - strengthened with all power - we ought to be strong & powerful -
 according to the might of His glory -> unto - patient & long suffering

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ
 and Timothy our brother, 2 to the
 saints and faithful brethren in Christ
 that are at Colossae: Grace to you
 and peace from God our Father.

3 We give thanks to God the
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 praying always for you, 4 having
 heard of your faith in Christ Jesus,
 and of the love which ye have to-
 ward all the saints, 5 because of the
 hope which is laid up for you in the
 heavens, whereof ye heard before
 in the word of the truth of the
 gospel, 6 which is come unto you;
 even as it is also in all the world
 bearing fruit and increasing, as it
 doth in you also, since the day ye
 heard and knew the grace of God
 in truth; 7 even as ye learned of
 Epaphras our beloved fellow-servant,
 who is a faithful minister of Christ
 on our behalf, 8 who also declared
 unto us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this cause we also, since
 the day we heard it, do not cease
 to pray and make request for you,
 that ye may be filled with the knowl-

1 Gr. the brother.
 2 Or, to those that are at Colossae, holy and faithful brethren in Christ
 3 Gr. good tidings; and so elsewhere; see marginal note on Mt. 4. 23.
 4 Many ancient authorities read your.

Act's
 Courtesy

longsuffering - opposite of wrath & vengeance
endurance (light-foot)

Gratitude & thanksgiving - vs 12-14 (Spiritual)

Qualified for a portion of heritage of the Saints in light (new creatures).
Small ones to have a portion of land (vs 13) - Delivered us - translated us - into kingdom
we have been made citizens of His Kingdom 1- Deliverance from power of

Burden of prayer

edge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all power, according to the might of his glory, unto all patience and longsuffering, with joy; 12 giving thanks unto the Father, who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; 13 who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love; 14 in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins: 15 who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto 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

power = tyranny in contest (realm of Satan)
11 - translated into kingdom - translated: taking people out of one country & transplanted into a new country.
2 - Redemption and forgiveness - Redemption = deliverance by payment of price -

I - Doctrinal Exposition - 1:15-3:4

1 - Supremacy of Christ 1:15-3:7
2 - Sufficiency of Christ 2:8-3:4
1 - Supremacy of Christ
Scope of His Supremacy 1:15-18 - a - vs 15 - "Image of the invisible God" - revealer of God - He makes visible a God who is otherwise invisible. He makes God knowable - word of God - expression of God - utterance - a living word -
b - vs 15 - "firstborn of all creation" - He is the firstborn over all creation. He created all creation - His sovereignty - the ancient right of primogeniture. Lord of all creation why? 1 - He is himself all things created. He is himself the Creator - vs 16
Three prepositions explain Christ's relation to Creation
"in" - Sphere of creation (grounds of creation) John 1 - apart from Christ, creation would have never happened
"through" - mediating agent in creation. He is the firstborn over all creation. Everything is moving toward Christ.
"unto" - goal of creation - Everything is moving toward Christ.
vs 17 - He is before all things & with in time & in rank -
vs 17 - In Him all things held together (consist)
Christ is the bond of cohesion - He makes creation a cosmos instead of a chaos.
Relation to the Church C - Head of Church - Lord, guide, sovereign - "76" is emphatic
Because he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.
Summary - He is God and all things that have the pre-eminence.

* Or, unto all pleasing, in every good work, bearing fruit and increasing etc.
* Or, by
* Or, in
* Or, made powerful.
* Or, steadfastness
Some ancient authorities read you.
That is, hold together.

Person of the Basis or Grounds of His Supremacy - vs 19-23
1 - On this Basis - Jesus is God vs 19
2 - "all" - to fight Gnosticism heavy (iii) "Dwell" - present tense - continuous -
It is a compound word - "to take up permanent residence within"
11 - Because he is pre-existent & pre-emptive vs 20-23

Means of Reconciliation - through death
Purpose of Reconciliation - to present us holy & without blemish -

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Practical

3) Effects of Supremacy of Christ 1:24-2:7

"Now" - temporal force & also logical force - equivalent to "therefore"

Results on Paul 1:24-2:5
- vs 24 - it gives him joy in his suffering -
- suffering in behalf of the readers -
- "for your sake." Because of his work among Gentiles he was arrested.

ii) In sake of whole body of Christ -
Christ best some suffering for this people
to enslave - (ii) afflictions which an epistle
see Christ in his people.

Afflictions - This word is never used in N.T.
for the redemptive work of Christ.
He does not rejoice because of his suffering, but in spite of them. A man's conception of Christ determines to what extent he will suffer for him.

Fidelity in Service - vs 25
- a servant of the church -
- a steward of God (dispensation). Primarily
- ultimately responsible unto God.

His message is the word of God. To fulfill the word - give full development.

It is a mystery (message) vs 26 - vs 27 defines the mystery of Christ in you. Gentiles the grounds of future hope for the people of God.

Mystery of a divine secret which is undisclosed until from divine revelation. This mystery has to do with the Gentiles to the promises of the covenant of redemption - on equal basis with Jews.

"Whom we proclaim" vs 28 - His message centers in a person - Christ.

His method of service - vs 28 - (his preaching)
Note of authority - "we proclaim"

Note of warning - "admonishing every man"
Note of teaching - "teaching every man"

Note of exclusiveness - "every man"
- He had a worthy aim - vs 28b - "so present every man mature in Christ" - by preaching

"Labor" - wearisome toil vs 29 -
- striving = intense struggle.

Strength from God - vs 29b -
- Gives him anxious concern for Colossians - 2:1-5
- they been strengthened
- knit together in love
- they may comprehend Jesus Christ -

This this reason to before everything said before

from the dead; ¹that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 ²For it was the good pleasure of the Father that in him should all the fulness dwell; 20 and through him to reconcile all things ³unto himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross; through him, I say, whether things upon the earth, or things in the heavens. 21 And you, being in time past alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works, 22 yet now ⁴hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and unreprouable before him: 23 if so be that ye continue in the faith, grounded and stedfast, and not moved away from the hope of the ⁵gospel which ye heard, which was preached in all creation under heaven; whereof I Paul was made a minister. Because of this

24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church; 25 whereof I was made a minister, according to the ⁶dispensation of God which was given me to you-ward, to fulfil the word of God, 26 even the mystery which hath been hid ⁷for ages and generations: but now hath it been manifested to his saints, 27 to whom God was pleased to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28 whom we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ; 29 whereunto I labor also, striving according to his working, which worketh in me ⁸mightily.

a church he had never seen

warning

2 For I would have you know how greatly I strive for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for

¹ Or, that among all he might have &c.
² Or, For the whole fulness of God was pleased to dwell in him. ³ Or, into him. ⁴ Or, him.
⁵ Some ancient authorities read ye have been reconciled.
⁶ Gr. good tidings; and so elsewhere; see marginal note on Mt. 4. 23. ⁷ Or, stewardship. See 1 Cor. 9. 17.
⁸ Or, from all ages &c. Gr. from the ages and from the generations. ⁹ Or, in power.