



A Thematic Outline of Paul's Letter to The Colossians

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RECONCILED
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

“He is the exact radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.” Hebrews 1

I THE ABSOLUTE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

A HE IS;

the image of the invisible God 1:15

Matthew 1:23; John 1:18; John 14:9-11; Hebrews 1:3

first-born of all creation 1:15

John 1:1-18; John 3:16-18; John 10:30 & 14:9; 1st John 4:9

before all things 1:17

John 1:1-3; John 8:58

head of the body, the church 1:18

Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 5:23-27

the beginning 1:18

Zechariah 6:12-13; 1st Corinthians 3:9-11; Hebrews 3:3-6

the first-born from the dead 1:18

1st Corinthians 15:20-22

first place in everything 1:18

Isaiah 52:13-15; Matthew 28:18; Revelation 21:22-24

head over all rule and authority 2:10

Ephesians 6:12; Ephesians 3:10; Romans 8:38-39

the substance 2:17

Hebrews 9:11-12; Hebrews 10:1-10

seated at the right hand of God 3:1

Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 9:24

our life 3:4

John 14:6; John 17:3; Galatians 2:20

all, and in all 3:11

Romans 3:22; John 14:23; 1st Corinthians 8:6

B IN HIM, BY HIM, FOR HIM;

all things were created 1:16

Genesis 1:1; Romans 11:33-35; Hebrews 1:2; Revelation 4:11

all things have been created 1:16

Ephesians 1:7-10; Isaiah 46:4; John 1:3-4

all things hold together 1:17

Hebrews 1:3; Acts 17:17-18; Job 12:10

all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form 1:19/2:9

Ephesians 3:14-19

all things are reconciled to Himself 1:20

Colossians 1:21-22; 2nd Corinthians 5:18-21

are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge 2:3

Matthew 6:19-21; Romans 11:33-34

we have been made complete 2:10
John 1:16; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2nd Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 4:11-13

- C HE HAS;**
- delivered us from the domain of darkness** 1:13
John 3:19-21; Job 24:13
 - transferred us to His kingdom (of His beloved son)** 1:13
Romans 14:17
 - made peace through the blood of His cross** 1:20
Ephesians 1:7; Isaiah 53:5-6; Romans 5:6-11
 - now reconciled us** 1:21-22
Romans 3:10-18
 - made you alive together with Him** 2:13
Ephesians 2:4-6; 1st Corinthians 15:22; Ephesians 4:24
 - wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us & taken it away (nailing it to the cross)** 2:14
Romans 3:19 & 23; John 3:17; John 1:29
 - disarmed the rulers and authorities, shamed them publicly, & triumphed over them** 2:15
2nd Corinthians 2:14-16

II THE FUTILITY OF MAN-CREATED RELIGION

- A IT WILL;**
- delude you with persuasive argument** 2:4
1st Corinthians 2:1-5; Acts 20:28-30; 2nd Corinthians 3:1, 13-15;
Ephesians 4:14-15; 1st Peter 2:1-3
 - take you captive through philosophy and empty deception** 2:8
1st Timothy 6:20-21; 1st Corinthians 1:18-25, 3:18-20; Hebrews 13:8-15
 - act as your judge** 2:16
Galatians 4:4-11; James 4:11-12; Romans 14
 - keep defrauding you** 2:18
1st Corinthians 9:24; Philippians 3:12-15
- B IT CONSISTS OF;**
- self-made religion** 2:23
Matthew 5:43
 - elementary principles of the world** 2:8/2:20
Galatians 4:3, 9; 2nd Peter 3:10-13
 - living in the world** 2:20
John 15:19; John 17:14; James 4:4; 1st John 5:19
 - things destined to perish with the using** 2:22
John 6:27, 32-33, 35

the worship of the angels – visions inflated by fleshly minds	2:18
Romans 1:18-25	
tradition of men	2:8
Matthew 15:1-9; 1 st Peter 1:17-19; Galatians 1:1-16	
commandments and teachings of men	2:22
Isaiah 29:13-14; Titus 1:14-16; Acts 5:29	
appearance of wisdom	2:23
Matthew 23 rd 27-28	
submitting to decrees	2:20
Hebrews 13:9; Matthew 23:2-5	
delighting in self-abasement / severe treatment of the body	2:18/2:23
Luke 5:33; Matthew 6:16-18; Luke 18:9-14	
things which are a mere shadow of what is to come	2:17
John 1:17-18; Hebrews 10:1; Hebrews 4:8-11	
not holding fast to the head	2:1
Galatians 1:6; Galatians 5:4-5; Revelation 2:2-5; Ephesians 4:15; John 15:2-10	

C IT WILL BRING;

no value against fleshly indulgence	2:23
1 st Timothy 4:8; Romans 13:14; 1 st John 2:16-17; Galatians 5:16-17	
the wrath of God	3:6
Ephesians 5:6; Romans 1:18; Psalm 78:29-31; Numbers 32:14	
the consequences of the wrong which has been done—without partiality.	3:25
2 nd Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 2:2-3	

III OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST'S SUPREMACY

A APART FROM IT, WE WERE;

engaged in evil deeds, evil practices	1:21/3:9
walking and living in immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, greed, anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech	3:7&8
Romans 1:28-32; 1 st Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 4:31; Titus 3:3	
hostile in mind	1:21
Romans 8:5-8; James 4:4	
dead in our transgressions	2:13
James 1:14-15; John 15:11-32; Numbers 15:30-31	
alienated	1:21
Ephesians 4:17-19; Ephesians 2:1-3 & 12	
of the old self	3:9
Ephesians 4:22-24	

B IN IT, WE ARE;

forgiven from all our transgressions	2:13/3:13
Romans 6:23; Isaiah 557; Isaiah 1:18; 1 st John 1:16 & 2:12	

delivered from the domain of darkness & transferred to the kingdom	1:13
firmly rooted, built up, & established in our faith	2:7
Psalm 1; Isaiah 61:3; Jeremiah 17:7-8; Ephesians 2:19-22	
dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed	3:5
buried with Him in baptism	2:12
dead, and our life is hidden with Christ in God	3:3
Romans 6; Galatians 2:20; Galatians 5:24	
raised up with Christ (through faith in the working of God)	3:1/2:12
alive together with Him	2:13
Romans 6:4; Ephesians 2:4-6; Romans 8:11	
circumcised with the circumcision of Christ	2:11
Jeremiah 31:33; Ephesians 2:11-13	
chosen of God	3:12
Revelation 17:14; Matthew 13:44-46	
holy and beloved	3:12
Ephesians 1:4-5; 1 st Thessalonians 1:4	
being renewed... in the image of the Creator	3:10
2 nd Corinthians 5:17; 2 nd Corinthians 4:16; Romans 12:2;	
Genesis 1:26-26; Ephesians 4:24	
saints, qualified to share in the inheritance of the saints	1:2/1:12
1 st Corinthians 1:2; Psalm 16:2; Hebrews 3:14	
revealed with Him in glory (will be)	3:4
1 st John 3:1-3; Philippians 3:20-21; 2 nd Corinthians 4:17-18;	
John 6 & 14; Matthew 13:43	

C WITH IT, WE HAVE;

redemption	1:14
Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 10:45; 1 st Timothy 2:5-6; Hosea 13	
the grace of God (in truth)	1:2/1:6
John 1:16; Ephesians 1:7-8; Romans 5:1-2	
hope	1:5, 23, 27
1 st Corinthians 15:19; 1 st Peter 1:3-4; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 7:19;	
Galatians 5:5; Romans 5:1-5; Ephesians 1:17-19; Hebrews 6:18-20	
peace	1:2,20 & 3:15
Psalm 29:11; Romans 14:17; Philippians 4:6-7; Romans 5:1;	
Ephesians 2:14; John 14:27; John 16:33	
strength	1:1
Ephesians 3:16; Ephesians 6:10, Philippians 4:13; 2 nd Timothy 2:1;	
2 nd Timothy 4:16; Deuteronomy 20:3-4; Joshua 1:9; Isaiah 40:28-31; 1 st Peter 5:10	
true knowledge (full assurance of understanding)	2:2
John 17:3; 1 st Corinthians 2:10-12; Ephesians 1:17; Philippians 3:4-8	
the reward of the inheritance (will receive)	3:24
Titus 3:7; Hebrews 9:15; Hebrew 11:6; Romans 2:6-7; Luke 6:8; Romans 8:16-17	

D IN IT, WE MUST;	
have faith in Christ Jesus	1:4
Acts 17:28; Galatians 5:4; Hebrews 11:6; Galatians 3:11	
be established & have stability in our faith	2:5&7
1 st Corinthians 16:13; 1 st Peter 5:9; 2 nd Corinthians 1:21; 1 st Corinthians 1:4-9	
continue in the faith	1:23
2 nd Thessalonians 1:3; Luke 17:5-8; Romans 1:4-5	
be thankful	3:15
Romans 1:18; Jonah 2:7-9	
joyously give thanks to the Father	1:12
Psalms 79:13; Psalm 100:4	
be overflowing with gratitude	2:7
2 nd Corinthians 4:15; Hebrews 13:15	
sing with thankfulness in our hearts to God	3:16
Ephesians 5:18-20; Psalm 107:21-22	
give thanks (in whatever you do in word or deed) through Christ to God the Father.	3:17
Ephesians 5:20; 1 st Thessalonians 5:16-17	
keep alert in prayer with an attitude of thanksgiving	4:2
Luke 21:34-36; 1 st Peter 4:7	
be holy, blameless, & beyond reproach	1:22
Leviticus 19:1-2; Matthew 5:48; 1 st John 2:29; Habakkuk 1:13;	
2 nd Corinthians 6:14; Psalm 101:4; 1 st Peter 1:15; Hebrews 12:14	
be complete in Christ	1:28
1 st Corinthians 1:2 & 30; 1 st Corinthians 6:11; Titus 2:14;	
Hebrews 10:10 & 14, Ephesians 5:25-27; 2 nd Corinthians 11:1;	
1 st Thessalonians 3:13; 1 st Thessalonians 5:23; Jude 24-25	
stand perfect	4:12
1 st Thessalonians 4:7; Genesis 17:1; Luke 1:74-75; Ephesians 1:3-4;	
Ephesians 4: 12-13; 2 nd Peter 3:14; Philippians 3:14-15; James 1:4; Romans 5:2	
please Him in all respects	1:10
1 st Thessalonians 4:1; Hebrews 11:5; Hebrews 11:6; 2 nd Timothy 2:3-4	
walk in a manner worthy of the Lord	1:10
Ephesians 4:1; Romans 6:4; Philippians 1:27; 1 st Thessalonians 2:12; Micah 4:5	
walk in Christ Jesus the Lord (as you have received Him)	2:6
Matthew 5:20	
be firmly established	1:23
Ephesians 2:19-20; 1 st Corinthians 3:11-15; Matthew 7:24	
be steadfast	1:23
1 st Corinthians 15:58; Romans 2:5-8	
be patient	1:11
James 1:2-4; Hebrews 10:35-39; 2 nd Timothy 2:3	
be longsuffering	1:11
2 nd Corinthians 6:5-6; Romans 8:28-29; Hebrews 12:1-2	

not be moved away from the hope of the gospel (which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven)	1:23
Romans 1:20; John 15:5-6	
stand fully assured in all the will of God	4:12
Romans 12:2; Acts 20:24; Joshua 1:9	
increase & bear fruit (in the knowledge of God)	1:6/1:10
Ephesians 2:10; John 15:16; Galatians 5:22-25; Philippians 1:11; John 15:8; Hebrews 13:20-21; 1 st John 5:20; 2 nd Peter 1:3; 2 nd Corinthians 9:8	
lay aside the old self with its evil practices	3:9
Romans 6:6-7; Ephesians 4:22	
put on the new self (who is being renewed)	3:10
Galatians 3:27; Romans 13:14; Ephesians 4:24; 1 st Thessalonians 1:9; Romans 6:13	
set our mind on (and keep seeking) the things above	3:1/3:2
Psalms 73:26-28; Philippians 3:20 & 4:8; 2 nd Corinthians 4:18; Romans 6:6-8; Matthew 6:33; Proverbs 15:24; Joshua 9:14-15	
have good discipline	2:5
Ephesians 6:10-14; 1 st Peter 1:13-15; 2 nd Peter 1:5-8	
devote ourselves to prayer	4:2
Philippians 4:6-7	
let the word of Christ richly dwell within you	3:16
1 st John 2:14; 2 nd Timothy 3:15-17	
teach and admonish one another with all wisdom	1:28/3:16
Romans 15:14; 1 st Thessalonians 5:11	
be faithful brethren	1:2
Luke 17:6; Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 2:19; Ephesians 3:14; 1 st John 3:1-2	
have...no distinction between believers	3:11
Acts 10:34-35; Galatians 3:28; 1 st Corinthians 12:3; 1 st Corinthians 3:3; 1 st Corinthians 1:10	
bear with one another	3:13
Romans 15:1-3; Galatians 6:2	
not lie to one another	3:9
John 14:6; Revelation 21:6; Leviticus 19:11-12; Zechariah 8:16-17; Ephesians 4:25 & 15	
forgive each other	3:13
Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:14-15; Mark 11:25; Luke 6:36-38	
have love for all the saints	1:4
2 nd Peter 1:5-7; 1 st Peter 1:22; John 13:14-15 & 34-35; Hebrews 6:10	
love in the Spirit	1:8
1 st John 4:19; 1 st Thessalonians 4:8-9; Romans 5:5; Romans 15:30; Galatians 5:22; 1 st John 4:7-13; Ephesians 5:1	
put on love (compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience) which is the perfect bond of unity	3:12/3:14
1 st Corinthians 13:4-8; Philippians 1:8	
be knit together in love	2:2
Psalms 133:1; Philippians 2:1-4; Ephesians 4:15-16	

let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts (as one body)	3:15
Ephesians 4:1-6; John 17:21	
conduct ourselves with wisdom toward outsiders	4:5
John 17:13-19; Matthew 10:16; Romans 16:19; James 3:13-18; 1 st Corinthians 5:9-13	
let our speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt	4:6
Matthew 12:33-37; Romans 14:23; Matthew 5:13-16	
know how to respond to each person	4:6
1 st Peter 3:15-16; John 4:1-26	
serve the Lord Christ	3:24
Romans 6:19-22; John 12:26; Romans 14:17-18; Galatians 1:10; Philippians 2:5-8; 1 st Peter 2:16	
do all (whatever we do in word or deed) in the name of the Lord Jesus...heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men	3:17/3:23
Micah 4:5; 2 nd Corinthians 31:20-21, Proverbs 3:6; Romans 14:7-8; 1 st Corinthians 10:31	
make the most of each opportunity	4:5
Romans 13:11-14; Ephesians 5:15-17	

IV SOME APPLICATIONS OF OUR NEW LIFE

A MARRIAGE

wives be subject to your husbands	3:18
Genesis 3:16; Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 5:21; Romans 12:10; Titus 2:3-5; 1 st Peter 3:1-4; Philippians 2:5-8	
husbands love your wives (do not be embittered against them)	3:19
Ephesians 5:25, 28-30; Matthew 20:25-28; 1 st Peter 3:7; Ephesians 4:31-31; Genesis 2:23-25	

B FAMILY

children be obedient to your parents in all things	3:20
Matthew 15:4; Deuteronomy 21:18-21; Ephesians 6:1-3; Proverbs 1:8; Esther 2:20; Leviticus 19:2-3; Luke 2:51-52; Proverbs 6:20	
fathers do not exasperate your children	3:21
Matthew 18:2-14; Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 1 st Thessalonians 2:11-12	

C VOCATION

slaves, in all things, obey those who are your masters on earth (not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord)	3:22
1 st Corinthians 7:22-24; Ephesians 6:5-7; 1 st Timothy 6:1; Titus 2:9-10; 1 st Corinthians 10:31, 4:5; Luke 6:46-49	

masters, grant to your slaves fairness and justice 4:1
(knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.)
 1st Corinthians 7:22-24; Matthew 23:11; Job 31:13-15; James 2:13;
 Leviticus 19:12-14; Luke 12:4; Mark 10:42-44

V MENTORS IN OUR NEW LIFE

A PAUL;

was an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God 1:1

2nd Corinthians 5:19-20

was a minister according to the stewardship from God 1:23/1:25

1st Peter 4:10

was imprisoned for Christ (Aristarchus too) 4:3/4:18/4:10

Philippians 1:12-14

**struggled on other's behalf & rejoiced in his sufferings
 for other's sake** 1:24/2:1

2nd Corinthians 4:7-12

**was with others in spirit, even when absent in the body,
 rejoicing in other's good discipline & stability of faith in Christ** 2:5

Ephesians 4:12-13

fully carried out the preaching of the word of God 1:25

2nd Timothy 3:16-17

desired for God to open doors to preach the gospel 4:3

2nd Thessalonians 3:1

desired clarity in speaking the gospel 4:4

Mark 13:11

proclaimed Christ 1:28

1st John 1:1-3

**admonished and taught every man with all wisdom,
 to present every man complete in Christ** 1:28

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

**labored, striving according to Christ's power, which mightily
 worked within him.** 1:29

Ephesians 3:20

solicited the prayers of others for his own walk 4:3

Ephesians 6:18

B TIMOTHY;

was a brother 1:1

1st Timothy 1:2

**admonished and taught every man with all wisdom,
 to present every man complete in Christ** 1:28

1st Timothy 4:11-12, 2nd Timothy 2:1-3, 2:15, 3:14-17

- C EPAPHRAS;**
was a faithful and beloved, fellow bond-servant of Christ 1:7/4:12/4:7
(along with Tychicus)
Romans 6:17-22
- was a teacher of the grace of God in truth** 1:7
John 1:16, 4:23-24
- was a witness of other's love in the Spirit** 1:8
John 13:34-35
- was a Colossian (along with Onesimus)** 4:12/4:9
John 4:1-42
- labored earnestly in deep concern for the Church, desiring others to stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God** 4:13/4:12
1st John 2:28-29, 5:13
- D TYCHICUS;**
- was a faithful minister** 4:7
1st Corinthians 4:1-2
- informed the church (with Onesimus)** 4:7/4:9
Ephesians 6:21-22
- was a comforter** 4:8
2nd Corinthians 1:3-5
- E ONESIMUS;**
- was a faithful and beloved brother (with Tychicus)** 4:9/4:7
1st John 3:12-18
- was a Messianic Jew (along with Tychicus, Mark, Aristichus, & Justus)** 4:11
Romans 10:1-13
- F BARNABAS' COUSIN MARK & JESUS CALLED JUSTUS;**
- were workers for the kingdom** 4:11
Acts 12:25, 13:3; Acts 13:13; Acts 15:36-40; 2nd Timothy 4:11
- were encouragers** 4:10-11
1st Thessalonians 3:7-8