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Colossians 1:1-12

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¹ **Paul**, an apostle of Jesus Christ **by the will of God**, and **Timotheus** our brother,

Acts 13:36

For David, after he had served his own generation **by the will of God**, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time **by the will of man**: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

² **To the saints and faithful brethren** in Christ which are at Colosse: **Grace** be unto you, and **peace**, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalms 31:23

O love the LORD, all ye his **saints**: for the LORD **preserveth** the **faithful**, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

... We praise Him

Psalms 89:5 ...and even the heavens praise Him

And the **heavens shall praise** thy wonders, O LORD: thy **faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints**.

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

Psalms 75:1

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is **near thy wondrous works declare**.

Colossians 1:3

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

We give thanks to God always **for** you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

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FAITH

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⁴Since we heard of your **faith in Christ Jesus**, and of the **love which ye have to all the saints**,

Romans 5:1

Therefore being justified by **faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus **Christ**:

Galatians 2:16

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the **faith** of Jesus **Christ**, even we have believed in Jesus **Christ**, that we might be justified by the **faith** of **Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with **Christ**: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ** liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the **faith** of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

2 Timothy 3:15

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through **faith** which is in **Christ** Jesus.

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Titus 1:9

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

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LOVE

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Psalm 31:23

O **love** the LORD, all ye his **saints**: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

Ephesians 1:15

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and **love** unto all the **saints**,

Philemon 1:5

Hearing of thy **love** and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all **saints**;

1 John 2:10

He that **loveth** his **brother** abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

1 John 4

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1 John 4

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Seeing is believing...so the world says!

...but for us belief is having not seen and yet believing

1 John 4:20

If a man say, I **love** God, and hateth his **brother**, he is a liar: for he that **loveth not** his **brother** whom he hath seen, **how can he love God** whom he hath not seen?

1 John 4:21

And this commandment have we from him, That he who **loveth** God **love** his **brother** also.

John 13:35

³⁴ A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

³⁵ **By this shall all men know** that ye are **my disciples**, if ye have **love one to another**.

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1 John 5

¹ Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that **loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.**

² By this we know that **we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.**

Deuteronomy 30:16

In that I command thee this day to **love the LORD** thy God, to **walk in his ways**, and to **keep his commandments** and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Love – [OT:157](#) אָהַב 'ahab (aw-hab'); or 'ahab (aw-habe'); a primitive root; to have affection for (sexually or otherwise):

KJV - (be-) love (-d, -ly, -r), like, friend.

1 Peter 2:17

Honour all men. **Love the brotherhood. Fear God.** Honour the king.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments:** for this is the whole duty of man.

Fear – [OT:3372](#) יָרֵא 'yare' (yaw-ray'); a primitive root; to fear; morally, to revere; caus. to frighten:

KJV - affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence (-end), ^x see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

Keep – [OT:8104](#) שָׁמַר shamar (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.:

KJV - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-erself), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

1 John 5

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Hebrews 13:1

Let brotherly love continue.

Continue – [NT:3306](#) μένω meno (men'-o); a primary verb; to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy):

KJV - abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry (for), ^x thine own.

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2 Timothy 3:15

And that from a child thou hast **known the holy scriptures**, which are **able to make thee wise** unto salvation through **faith which is in Christ Jesus**.

HOPE

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⁵For the **hope** which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

Psalm 33:18

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that **fear him**, upon them that **hope in his mercy**;

Joel 3:16

The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but **the LORD will be the hope of his people**, and the **strength of the children of Israel**.

Psalm 31:24

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that **hope** in the LORD.

Psalm 16:9

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in **hope**.

Psalm 38:15

For in thee, O LORD, do I **hope**: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

Psalm 39:7

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my **hope** is in thee.

Hope in God:

Praise continually

Trust

Unchanging

Scripturally based only

Scripturally reliant

A hiding place and defense

Lifely (lively) –this is a *Stuism*

Evidence of Salvation

Patient

It is merciful and redemptive and eternal

Happiness and expectant knowing the hope we have is the pleasure of the Lord God!

Rejoicing in knowing our calling

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Hope in God (Psalms and Proverbs):

Psalm 43:5

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? **hope** in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 71:5

For thou art my **hope**, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth.

Psalm 71:14

But I will **hope** continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

Psalm 78:7

That they might set their **hope** in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

Psalm 119:43

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have **hoped** in thy judgments.

Psalm 119:49

Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to **hope**.

Psalm 119:74

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have **hoped** in thy word.

Psalm 119:81

My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I **hope** in thy word.

Psalm 119:114

Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I **hope** in thy word.

Psalm 119:116

Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my **hope**.

Psalm 119:147

I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I **hoped** in thy word.

Psalm 119:166

LORD, I have **hoped** for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

Psalm 130:5

I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I **hope**.

Psalm 130:7

Let Israel **hope** in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

Psalm 131:3

Let Israel **hope** in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.

Psalm 146:5

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose **hope** is in the LORD his God:

Psalm 147:11

The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that **hope** in his mercy.

Proverbs 10:28

The **hope** of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

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1 Thessalonians 5:8

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the **breastplate of faith and love**; and for an helmet, the **hope of salvation**.

Titus 1:2

In **hope** of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Hebrews 6:19

Which **hope** we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Tied together by the Love of God...

We should have Faith and Hope!

Hebrews 11:1 Faith and Hope found in Love

Now **faith is the substance of things hoped for**, the **evidence of things not seen**. God is Love

Fear is the beginning of Knowledge..

...but the world never get past the fear and arrive at understanding!

We the saints know that which passeth understanding (of the world)

Therefore we know the Love of God is in us who have Faith and Hope

So it follows that Faith, Love, Hope are manifest in us:

1 John 3:3

And every man that hath **this hope** in him **purifieth himself**, even as **he is pure**.

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FRUIT

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⁶ Which is **come unto you**, as it is **in all the world**; and **bringeth forth fruit**, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and **knew the grace** of God in truth:

Genesis 1:11

And God said, Let the earth bring **forth** grass, the herb yielding seed, and the **fruit** tree yielding **fruit** after **his kind**, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

Galatians 5

²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Ephesians 5:9

(For the **fruit** of the **Spirit** is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Proverbs 11:30 Life

The **fruit** of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Matthew 3:8 Repentance

Bring forth therefore **fruits** meet for repentance:

Matthew 7 Good

¹⁷ Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

¹⁸ A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

¹⁹ Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

John 15:2

Every branch in me that beareth not **fruit** he taketh away: and every branch that beareth **fruit**, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more **fruit**.

John 15:4 Full of Life

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch **cannot bear fruit of itself**, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

John 15:5

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same **bringeth forth much fruit**: for without me ye can do nothing.

John 15:8 Glorifies

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much **fruit**; so shall ye be my disciples.

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John 15:16 Ordained

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and **ordained you**, that ye should go and bring forth **fruit**, and that your **fruit** should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Romans 1:13 Paul wanted to see fruit among the saints

Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some **fruit** among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

Romans 7:4

Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that **we should bring forth fruit unto God**.

Fruit is not hidden...

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Experiences

⁷ As ye also **learned** of Epaphras our dear **fellow servant**, who is for you a **faithful minister** of Christ; Learned – [NT:3129](#) μανθάνω **manthano** (man-than'-o); prolongation from a primary verb, another form of which, matheo, is used as an alternate in certain tenses; to learn (in any way): **KJV** - learn, understand.

Declared by His love

⁸ Who also declared unto us your **love in the Spirit**.

Understood by will of God

⁹ For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to **pray for you**, and to desire that ye might be **filled with the knowledge of his will** in all **wisdom** and **spiritual understanding**;

Seen through Good works and knowledge

¹⁰ That ye might walk **worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing**, being **fruitful in every good work**, and **increasing in the knowledge of God**;

Strengthening us always Joyfully through every circumstance of Life

¹¹ **Strengthened with all might**, according to his glorious power, unto all **patience and longsuffering with joyfulness**;

Hebrews 13:15 ...offer ourselves a living loving, faithful, hopeful sacrifice

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the **fruit** of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Thankful Partaker of the inheritance from God by God and through God in Light!

¹² **Giving thanks** unto the Father, which hath **made us meet** to be **partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light**: