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Around 30 years after the Lord rose from the dead, Paul wrote this letter to the church meeting in Colossae, about 100 miles east of Ephesus, near Laodicea.

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

² to the **saints** / the word is: hagios. 60 times in the N.T. the word is translated: saints. When using this word, Paul and Luke are speaking to those living people... beloved in the Lord... the ones they are writing this Good News to... made *hagios*... in Christ Jesus. 163 times **hagios** is translated: **holy**. Again, Paul is writing to the living, not to the dead; he is writing to all those specially set-apart for God's purposes; set-apart through the blood of Jesus **Christ** – the **Messiah**.



to the saints... and faithful brethren in Christ Jesus who are at Colossae:

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ / Jesus the Messiah, who else matters? I mean, other than from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ... who else really matters? Paul reminds us, grace and peace... come from Them.

³ **We give thanks** / the word is: **eucharisteo**. 7 times in this letter Paul is telling us... this is the real Eucharist... not all that mumbo-jumbo found in some church houses. We, just us simple people...

We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ – the **Messiah**,

praying always for you,

⁴ **Since we heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and of the love to all the saints** / all those **hagios**... all those **holy people**...hmm? which does not seem to mean they are perfect yet... because they were here, and he was writing to them: people of faith... set-apart, made whole in Christ. You know, our traditional thinking can make void the word of God; often we need to rethink and relearn things, don't we?

⁵ **For the hope which is laid up for each of you in heaven,**

which you all have already heard in the word of the truth of the gospel / in the **euaggelion**; what God speaks; His good news;

⁶ **which has come to you, as it has in all the world; bringing forth fruit** / the fruit of the Spirit... **and increasing, as it does also in you,**

since the day you heard, and knew the grace of God in truth:

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⁷ **as you all learned from Epaphras our dear fellow servant, who is for us a faithful minister of Christ** / so Epaphras was doing the same as... all those women at the cross had been doing... as they ministered to Christ;

⁸ **who also declared to us your love in the Spirit** / he has told us all about you.

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

¹⁰ **that you walk worthily** / the word is an adverb.... and It describes your walking. It is **not** an adjective; **not worthy**... no one is worthy. **We are made worthy by the blood of the Lamb.**

Paul is saying, We can walk worthily. But my walking is not for your inspection; and neither is your walking for me to inspect. Like Helmut Thielicke said, The great sin of spiritual pride is our downward look and comparison to others... instead of individually looking up to the incomparable Christ and knowing: I fall short. Walking worthily is not my opportunity to... thank my God I'm not like someone else.

Paul says...

that we walk worthily of the Lord, pleasing to all / and what pleases the Lord most? The book of Hebrews says, it's our FAITH;

being fruitful in every good work / not fruitless, not joyless; not loveless,

and increasing in the knowledge of God / we're not a finished product; we're supposed to be growing and knowing the ways of God; walking worthily...

¹¹ **strengthened with all power** / in Greek: **dunamis**; spiritual dynamite; and no, it is not to blow up everyone in our way. It is dynamite for God's purposes: like for drilling my hard head... and my hard heart,

with all power... according to His glorious might / His **kratos**.... where we get that name Krakatoa... that powerful Indonesian volcano in the 1800s... that shook the world. Paul is talking about God's dunamis and kratos... that can shake the whole world... one person at a time,

And what is all this power and might for?

to all patience / no! Forget that!

The word is: **endurance**.

He expects us to get tough; and to grow up. No whiny-ass churchgoers will populate His eternity. Rather, it's for people whose faith has been tried in the fire; like most of the church in Asia, and Africa... and the middle-east; not like the pabulum consuming churchianity in the goofy West.

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to all endurance and longsuffering / in Greek: makrothumia... from: **makros** = long, **thumos** = temper, like how God has to put up with us, daily... all our life.

with joyfulness.

Get excited! He hasn't left us orphans. God has given us all the tools we need in His kingdom; all the power... all the spiritual dynamite we need... as we walk... step by step... worthily... and joyfully! in Him!

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