

Colossians

be a Faithful Representative

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 2 to the saints and faithful brothers 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 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven,
 5 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 Epaphroditus, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf.
 8 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;
 9 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
 10 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longuffering with joy;
 11 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light;
 12 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
 13 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
 14 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
 15 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.
 16 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.
 17 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 preeminence.

2. Spiritual understanding:

- a. Be an honorable representation of your family's VALUES, which were demonstrated by Jesus and taught by the Father.

synonyms for God's Word (emphasizing its value to them)

John 14:26 (NIV)

14 I leave you with my COMFORTMENT the Holy Spirit who will dwell in you and will abide in you forever. He will teach you all that you need to know, and he will remind you of everything I have said to you.

1 John 2:14 (NIV)

14 I have written to you, beloved, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and you have overcome the wicked one.

THIS WORD OF GOD abides in you, God

In the presence of God in Christ we are given

an intimate relationship with God, which is the basis of our family relationship with Him.

Romans 11:29-30 (NIV)

29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

30 If so, you will never be disobedient to God, for you have received mercy through their disobedience. If so, you will never be disobedient to God, for you have received mercy through their disobedience.

31 If the God has connected them all in disobedience, that through their disobedience we all

Romans 14:15 (NIV)

15 I beseech you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, that you prevent your freedom from becoming a stumbling block to the weak.

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