



CHRISTMAS IN COLOSSAE

Celebrating Christ in Colossians

Advent Hope

Colossians 1

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THE ARRIVAL OF CHRIST IN THE _____

What the arrival of Jesus means:

- Jesus is the _____ of the _____ God. (*Colossians 1:15,19*)
- The arrival of Jesus means there is _____ for the _____ . (*Colossians 1:20*)
- Jesus is the arrival of God's _____ for sin through Christ's sacrificial death. (*Colossians 1:21-22*)

THE ARRIVAL OF CHRIST INTO A _____

To accept Jesus as Savior and Lord is to declare with your life that God is in fact God – the ultimate _____ in the universe and to live in accordance with and in obedience to the _____ that you have now received from God. (*Colossians 1: 13-14, Ephesians 4:17-24*)

Paul's prayer for Christians:

- That God would give _____ of His _____, through the Spirit.
- So that they would live a life worthy and pleasing to the Lord
 - Bearing fruit in every _____
 - Growing in the _____ of God
 - Being strengthened by God to have great _____ and _____
 - Giving _____ thanks to the Father

THE _____ ARRIVAL OF CHRIST

Our future hope is not just for Heaven when we die, but for God's _____ of the _____, making all things new, removing the brokenness and devastation. **We get a glimpse of that kingdom** in the revelation of Christ in scripture and in God's work in us today.

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Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

²⁴Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

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