

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God. By Him all things were created; He is before all things and has first place in everything. He reconciled us to Himself through His blood on the cross. When we were dead in our trespasses and sins He made us alive together with Him and forgave all our transgressions.

He cancelled our debt, which was hostile to us, took it out of the way and nailed it to the cross. We have been rescued from the domain of darkness and transferred to the Kingdom of His beloved Son. He has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints and we have a hope laid up for us in heaven. When Christ who is our life is revealed, we will also be revealed with Him in glory.

We are made ministers of this Gospel and we proclaim it with all wisdom and according to the power that mightily works within us. We are not taken captive by philosophies and empty deceit, but we are firmly rooted and built up in Christ. We hold fast to Christ and in Him we are made complete. So we walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him and bear fruit in every good work, strengthened with His power. We set our minds on things above, not on the things that are on the earth.

We put off the old self with its evil practices and we put on the new self that is being renewed to a true knowledge. As those chosen of God, holy and beloved we put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and love. We bear with each other and we forgive just as Christ forgave us. We submit to our husbands, we obey and honor our parents and we submit to our earthly authorities because it is the Lord Christ whom we serve.

We devote ourselves to prayer and strive that our speech would always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so we will know how to respond to each person. Because of all of this, our hearts overflow with gratitude.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be honor, glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen