

COLOSSIANS

Together

Faithful Stewards

Colossians 1:24-2:5

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New Testament	<p style="text-align: center;">Steward – Entrusted To; Care For; Responsible</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We Are To Be Stewards Of The Life That God Has Given Us To Live. Stewardship To God Should Be Reflected In All Areas Of Life.</p>
Matthew	
Mark	
Luke	
John	
Acts	
Romans	
1 Corinthians	
2 Corinthians	
Galatians	
Ephesians	
Philippians	
Colossians	
1 Thessalonians	
2 Thessalonians	
1 Timothy	
2 Timothy	
Titus	
Philemon	
Hebrews	
James	
1 Peter	
2 Peter	

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Colossians 1:24–2:5

[24] Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, [25] of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, [26] the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. [27] To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. [28] Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. [29] For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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Colossians 1:24–2:5

[1] For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, [2] that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, [3] in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. [4] I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. [5] For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

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Steward To Calling

Following God's Call

- Rejoice in following God's will
- Changed perspective
- Fruitful return

Romans 5:1–5

[1] Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. [2] Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. [3] Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, [4] and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, [5] and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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Steward To Calling

Following God's Call

Afflictions For Christ Sake

- Sufficiency of Christ
- Compassion for the Body of Christ... The Church

Matthew 5:10–12

[10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[11] "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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2 Corinthians 1:3–7

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, [4] who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. [5] For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. [6] If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. [7] Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

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2 Timothy 1:8–9

[8] Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, [9] who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

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Steward To Calling

Following God's Call

Afflictions For Christ Sake

Following An Unlikely Calling (Acts 9:1-18)

- Adherent of Judaism
- Racial barrier
- Suffer much

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2 Corinthians 11:23–29

[23] Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. [24] Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. [25] Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; [26] on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; [27] in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. [28] And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. [29] Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

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Following God's Call

Afflictions For Christ Sake

Following An Unlikely Calling (Acts 9:1-18)

Ultimate Calling

- Excitement of the mystery revealed
- Declaring the gospel
- Spoken
- Demonstrated

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First Calling... Salvation
Second Calling... Refining, Reflective Of Christ

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Steward To The Walk

Recognizing The Cost

- Remember life apart from Christ

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Romans 5:6–8

[6] For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7] For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—[8] but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 2:1–3

[1] And you were dead in the trespasses and sins [2] in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—[3] among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

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Steward To The Walk

Recognizing The Cost

- Remember life apart from Christ
- God's mystery revealed... salvation through Jesus

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Ephesians 2:4–9

[4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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Steward To The Walk

Recognizing The Cost

- Remember life apart from Christ
- God's mystery revealed... salvation through Jesus
- Remember the "why"

Ephesians 2:10

[10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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Steward To The Walk

Recognizing The Cost

Grasping Hope

- God revealed through Jesus
- Known in believers through the Holy Spirit

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Steward To The Walk

Recognizing The Cost

Grasping Hope

Growing In Faith

- More than a prayer for salvation
- All wisdom
- Maturing

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**Salvation Is More Than Just A Change In
Eternal Destination From Hell To Heaven.
Salvation Is Walking And Maturing.**

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Steward To The Gospel

The Real Struggle

- Spiritual warfare – Ephesians 6:10-20
- Physical persecution – Acts 19:21-41
- Person struggles – 1 Corinthians 12:1-10

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Steward To The Gospel

The Real Struggle

Worthy Calling

- Remember the start of Colossae (Acts 18:24-19:41; Colossians 1:7)
- Rapid multiplication of the gospel – Colossians 1:6

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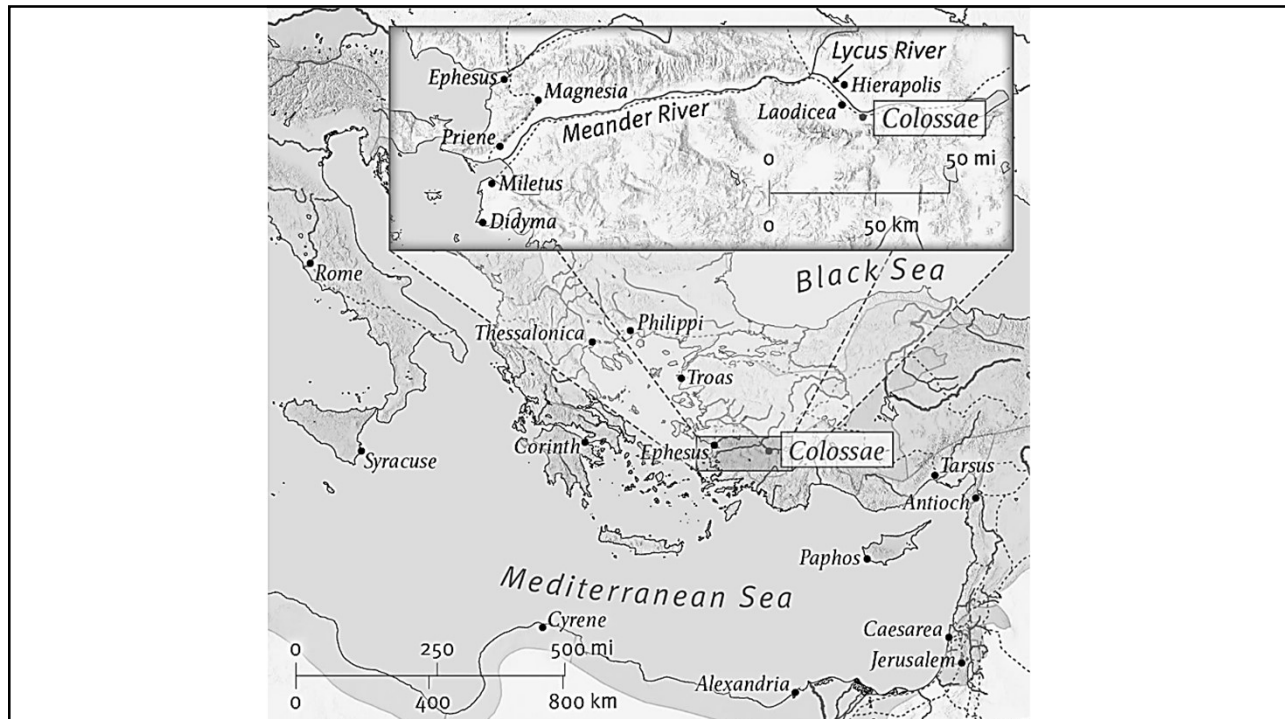
The Real Struggle

Worthy Calling

Unity Of The Body

- Unvisited yet connected
- Churches surrounding Colossae

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The Real Struggle

Worthy Calling

Unity Of The Body

- Unvisited yet connected
- Churches surrounding Colossae
- Knitted together
 - Encouragement
 - Love
 - Spiritual maturity
 - Understanding of salvation

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Steward To The Gospel

The Real Struggle

Worthy Calling

Unity Of The Body

Doctrinal Integrity

- Full understanding – not particle (Acts 18:24-19:7)
- Awareness of deluded gospel through worldly reason
- Deception in the church – Laodicea – Revelation 3:14-22
 - Lukewarm
 - Did not know their true state of being
 - Call to reprove out of love

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Steward To The Gospel

The Real Struggle

Worthy Calling

Unity Of The Body

Doctrinal Integrity

Desired Relationship

- Bond by the Holy Spirit
- Rejoicing in maturing
- Rejoicing in firm faith in Christ

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**What Is Your Response To The
Mystery Of The Gospel Revealed?**

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