



Lesson 42 – Written from Rome Part I

Based on Colossians

1) What revelation was Paul given?

2 Corinthians 12:2,4 such an one caught up to the third _____... How that he was caught up into _____, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

2) What did he want to share with the churches he visited and wrote to?

Ephesians 3:18-19 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the _____, and length, and depth, and _____; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the _____ of God.

3) What was his knowledge of Godly things equal to?

2 Corinthians 12:11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in _____ am I _____ the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.

Paul could not tell all that he had seen in vision; for among his hearers were some who would have misapplied his words. But that which was revealed to him enabled him to labor as a leader and a wise teacher and also molded the messages that he in later years sent to the churches. The impression that he received when in vision was ever with him, enabling him to give a correct representation of Christian character.

4) What was Paul's desire for us?

Ephesians 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and _____ about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the _____ of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the _____ of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

5) Should we act like the people of the world?

Ephesians 4:17-18 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other _____ walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being _____ from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

Ephesians 5:15-16 See then that ye _____ circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are _____.

6) What did Christ do for us?

Ephesians 5:25 ...even as Christ also loved the church, and gave _____ for it;

7) What will Christ do for us?

Ephesians 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious _____, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without _____.

These messages, written with a power not of man but of God, contain lessons which should be studied by all, and which may with profit be often repeated. In them practical godliness is outlined, principles are laid down that should be followed in every church, and the way that leads to life eternal is made plain.



- 8) To whom did he write while in Roman incarceration?
Colossians 1:2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at _____: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 9) Who brought the good tidings to Paul from Colosse?
Colossians 1:7-8 As ye also learned of _____ our dear fellow servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.
- 10) What did Paul say he was going to do for the Colossians?
Colossians 1:9-11 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to _____ for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all _____, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; _____ with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

Thus, Paul put into words his desire for the Colossian believers. How high the ideal that these words hold before the follower of Christ! They show the wonderful possibilities of the Christian life and make it plain that there is no limit to the blessings that the children of God may receive.

- 11) What is our inheritance?
Colossians 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the _____ in _____:
- 12) Who created us and everything around us?
Colossians 1:16-17 For by him were all things created, that are in _____, and that are in _____, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or _____, or _____, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
- 13) What miracle has God done for you?
Colossians 1:21-22 And you, that were sometime alienated and _____ in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you _____ and unblameable and _____ in his sight:

The Son of God stooped to uplift the fallen. For this He left the sinless worlds on high, the ninety and nine that loved Him, and came to this earth.

- 14) How did Isaiah describe it?
Isaiah 53:5-6 But he was wounded for our _____, he was bruised for our _____: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are _____. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was in all things made like unto His brethren. He became flesh, even as we are. He knew what it meant to be hungry and thirsty and weary. He was sustained by food and refreshed by sleep. He was a stranger and a sojourner on the earth, in the world, but not of the world; tempted and tried as men and women of today are tempted and tried, yet living a life free from sin. Tender, compassionate, sympathetic, ever considerate of others, He represented the character of God.



15) How did John describe it?

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and _____ among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

16) What warning did Paul give to the church in Colosse?

Colossians 2:6-7 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so _____ ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, _____ therein with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:8-10 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain _____, after the _____ of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are _____ in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

17) What did Christ say the world will descend into?

Matthew 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall _____.

He had warned the disciples that the church would be in more danger from this evil than from the persecution of her enemies. Again and again, Paul warned the believers against these false teachers. This peril, above all others, they must guard against; for by receiving false teachers, they would open the door to errors by which the enemy would dim the spiritual perceptions and shake the confidence of those newly come to the faith of the gospel. Christ was the standard by which they were to test the doctrines presented.

18) What are we to watch out for?

Colossians 2:4 And this I say, lest any man should _____ you with enticing words.

We will meet with spiritualistic interpretations of the Scriptures, but we are not to accept them. God's voice is to be heard in clear affirmation of the eternal truths of the Scriptures. Keeping our eyes fixed on Christ, we are to move steadily forward in the path marked out, discarding all ideas that are not in harmony with His teaching. The truth of God is to be the subject for our contemplation and meditation. We are to regard the Bible as the voice of God speaking directly to us. Thus, we will find the wisdom which is divine.

19) What did the Psalmist say to give us guidance?

Psalms 19:8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is _____, enlightening the eyes.

20) What is our only wise course?

1 Corinthians 3:11 For other _____ can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The knowledge of God as revealed in Christ is the knowledge that all who are saved must have. This is the knowledge that works transformation of character. Received into the life, it will re-create the soul in the image of Christ. This is the knowledge that God invites His children to receive, beside which all else is vanity and nothingness.

21) What should we seek?

Colossians 3:1-3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are _____, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the _____. For ye are dead, and your life is _____ with Christ in God.



22) He told the people in Corinth something similar, what was it?

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, _____ are become new.

Through the power of Christ, men and women have broken the chains of sinful habit. They have renounced selfishness. The profane have become reverent, the drunken sober, the profligate pure. Souls that have borne the likeness of Satan have become transformed into the image of God. This change is in itself the miracle of miracles. A change wrought by the Word, it is one of the deepest mysteries of the Word.

23) What brings this change?

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this _____ among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

24) How are we justified?

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by _____, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

But because this experience is his, the Christian is not therefore to fold his hands, content with that which has been accomplished for him. He who has determined to enter the spiritual kingdom will find that all the powers and passions of unregenerate nature, backed by the forces of the kingdom of darkness, are arrayed against him. Each day he must renew his consecration, each day do battle with evil. Old habits, hereditary tendencies to wrong, will strive for the mastery, and against these he is to be ever on guard, striving in Christ's strength for victory.

25) What shall we do?

Colossians 3:5 _____ therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is _____:

Colossians 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, _____ out of your mouth.

Colossians 3:12-14 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; _____ one another, and _____ one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as _____ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

The letter to the Colossians is filled with lessons of highest value to all who are engaged in the service of Christ, lessons that show the singleness of purpose and the loftiness of aim which will be seen in the life of him who rightly represents the Saviour. Renouncing all that would hinder him from making progress in the upward way or that would turn the feet of another from the narrow path, the believer will reveal in his daily life mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, forbearance, and the love of Christ.

The power of a higher, purer, nobler life is our great need. The world has too much of our thought, and the kingdom of heaven too little.

Can you see that God's plans to bless you have no end?

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