

Scripture Text of the Followers of IESO (FOI)

Pat: Letter of Apostle Paulo to the COLOSSIANS

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The Greatness of IESO The Anointed One.

Greetings and giving of thanks.

Paulo greets the Followers in Colosse.

Chapter 1.

1. Paulo, an apostle of IESO The Anointed One by the will of Aleim, and Timotheo our brother,
2. To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Aleim our Father and the Master IESO The Anointed One.

Paulo's habit of prayer for the Colossians.

3. We give thanks to Aleim and the Father of our Master IESO The Anointed One, praying always for you,

Why Paulo was thankful.

4. Since we heard of your faith in Christ IESO, and of the love which you have to all the saints,
5. For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof you heard before in the word of the truth of the Glad Tidings (Gospel);
6. Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day you heard of it, and knew the grace of Aleim in truth:
7. As you also learned of Epaphrha our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;
8. Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

How Paulo prayed for you Colossians Followers.

Paulo petitions Aleim on behalf of the Colossians.

9. For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10. That you might walk worthy of the Master unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of Aleim;

11. Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

Paulo's specific thanks to the Father.

12. Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

13. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son:

14. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Paulo's meditation on the person and work of IESO.

15. Who is the image of the invisible Aleim, the firstborn of every creature:

16. For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him:

17. And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.

18. And He is the head of the body, the Ekklesia: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the pre-eminence.

19. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell;

20. And, having made peace through the blood of His tree, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

How the greatness of IESO' work touches the lives of the Colossians.

21. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

22. In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in His sight:

23. If you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the Glad Tidings (Gospel), which you have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paulo am made a minister;

What Paulo did for Colossians.

Paulo suffers for their sake.

24. Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the Ekklesia:

Paulo is a servant of the Ekklesia, revealing the mystery of Aleim that was once hidden.

25. Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of Aleim which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of Aleim;

26. Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints:

Part of the mystery: that IESO would actually indwell believers.

27. To whom Aleim would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Nations; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Paulo's motto for apostolic ministry.

28. Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ IESO:

29. Whereunto I also labour, striving according to His working, which worketh in me mightily.

Answering the Colossian Heresy.

Paulo's conflict.

The depth of Paulo's conflict for the Colossians and others.

Chapter 2.

1. For I would that you knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

Paulo's specific concerns and goals in the spiritual conflict.

2. That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of Aleim, and of the Father, and of Christ;

3. In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Paulo's earnest warning.

4. And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

Paulo's confidence in their present standing.

5. For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

6. As you have therefore received Christ IESO the Master, so walk you in Him:

7. Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Paulo warns against and exposes the Colossian heresy.

A warning: Don't be cheated by philosophies and traditions.

8. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

The completeness of IESO and our connection with Him shows other philosophies and traditions are unnecessary.

9. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Diety bodily.

10. And you are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power:.

The work of IESO in His people through spiritual circumcision and illustrated by baptism.

11 In whom also you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

12. Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also you are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of Aleim, who hath raised Him from the dead.

The work of IESO in His people through His work on the tree.

13. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

14. Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His tree;

15. And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Applying the truth of IESO' victory in light of the Colossians heresy.

16. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an Holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

17. Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Paulo rebukes the strange mysticism of the Colossian heresy.

18. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19. And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of Aleim.

Paulo rebukes the essence of legalism.

20. Wherefore if you be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are you subject to ordinances,

21. (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

22. Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

23. Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

Put Off, Put On.

Put off the old man.

The basis for Paulo's practical instruction.

Chapter 3.

1. If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right side of Aleim.
2. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
3. For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in Aleim.
4. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory.
5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
6. For which things' sake the wrath of Aleim cometh on the children of disobedience:
7. In the which you also walked some time, when you lived in them.
8. But now you also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
9. Lie not one to another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds;
10. And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him:
11. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.
12. Put on therefore, as the elect of Aleim, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do you.
14. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
15. And let the peace of Aleim rule in your hearts, to the which also you are called in one body; and be you thankful.
16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Master.
17. And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Master IESO, giving thanks to Aleim and the Father by him.

18. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Master.
19. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.
20. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Master.
21. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.
22. Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing Aleim:
23. And whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Master, and not unto men;
24. Knowing that of the Master you shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for you serve the Master The Anointed One.
25. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

Prayer Life, Personal Witness and Final Greetings.

The inner life of prayer and the outer life of witness.

Chapter 4.

1. Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

The inner life of Prayer.

2. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

3. Withal praying also for us, that Aleim would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

The outer life of witness.

4. That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

5. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

6. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer every man.

Personal notes concluding the letter.

Regarding Tichiko and Onesimo, messengers of the letter.

7. All my state shall Tichiko declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Master:

8. Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;

9. With Onesimo, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.

Greetings from three of Paulo's faithful Jewish friends.

10. Arhistarhcho my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marhko, sister's son to Barhnaba, (touching whom you received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

11. And Iesou, which is called Iusto, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of Aleim, which have been a comfort unto me.

Greetings from Epaphrha.

12. Epaphrha, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of Aleim.

13. For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

Greetings from Louka and Dema.

14. Louka, the beloved physician, and Dema, greet you.

Greetings to Nympha and the Laodiceans.

15. Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nympha, and the Ekklesia which is in his house.

Instructions for spreading the message in this letter.

16. And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the Ekklesia of the Laodiceans; and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

A special word to Arhchippo.

17. And say to Arhchippo, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Master, that thou fulfil it.

Conclusion.

18. The salutation by the hand of me Paulo. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.fn

KJV Footnotes

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