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▪ Colossians 4:12-13, 16

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

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

And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans

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2:9-10 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power...

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2:20 "...Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ"

3:1 "If ye then be risen with Christ,..."

3:3 "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

Thomas Dehany Bernard: The progress of doctrine in the New Testament considered in 8 lectures (1968), 183-184

"...Believers are in Christ, so as to be partakers in all that he does and has and is. They died with him, and rose with him, and live with him, and in him are seated in heavenly places. When the eye of God looks on them they are found in Christ, and there is no condemnation to those that are in Him, and they are righteous in his righteousness, and loved with the love which rests on him, and are sons of God in his sonship, and heirs with him in his inheritance, and are soon to be glorified with him in his glory..."

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3:2 "set your affection on things above, not on the earth..."

3:8 "put off all these...And have put on the new man..."

3:9 "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another,..."

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3:14-15 "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

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3: 16-17

"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 Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

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3: 18 ff

"Wives,...Husbands,...Children,...Fathers,... Servants,...Masters,..." Others...

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