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in filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions

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Colossians 1:12-2:3

¹²giving thanks to the Father,
who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

¹³For

He delivered us from the domain of darkness,
and

transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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¹⁵And He is
the image of the invisible God,
the first-born of all creation.

¹⁶For

by Him all things were created,

both in the heavens and on earth,

visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—

all things have been created by Him and for Him.

¹⁷And He is before all things,
and in Him all things hold together.

¹⁸He is also head of the body, the church;
and He is

the beginning,

the first-born from the dead;

so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.

¹⁹For it was the *Father's* good pleasure

for all the fulness to dwell in Him,

²⁰and

through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, (Foot note 1)

having made peace through the blood of His cross;

through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

²¹And

although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind,

engaged in evil deeds,

²²yet

He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death,
in order to present you before Him

holy and blameless and beyond reproach—(foot note 2)

²³if indeed you continue in the faith

firmly established

and steadfast,

and not moved away from the hope of the gospel

that you have heard,

which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven,

and of which I, Paul, was made a minister. (Foot note 3&4)

²⁴Now

I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake,

and

in my flesh

I do my share on behalf of His body (which is the church)

in filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions.

²⁵Of *this church* I was made a minister

according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit,

that I might fully carry out the *preaching of* the word of God,

²⁶*that is*, the mystery

which has been hidden from the *past* ages and generations;

but has now been manifested to His saints,

²⁷to whom God willed to make known

what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles,

which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸And

we proclaim Him,

admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom,

that we may present every man complete in Christ.

²⁹And for this purpose also I labor,

striving according to His power,

which mightily works within me.

2:1 For

I want you to know how great a struggle I have
on your behalf,
and for those who are at Laodicea,
and for all those who have not personally seen my face,
²that their hearts may be encouraged,
having been knit together in love,
and *attaining* to all the wealth
that comes from the full assurance of understanding,
resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery,
that is, Christ Himself,
³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Footnotes

1. Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* in order that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

2. Romans 5:8 ...God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of *God* through Him.

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

¹¹ And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

3. Romans 5:1 Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

² through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

4. Romans 8:28 ...we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

³⁰ and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.