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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,
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—

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.

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.

Regarding, "I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake" (Colossians 1:24a):

John 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

¹² "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

¹³ "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

2 Corinthians 7:3 ... you are in our hearts to die together and to live together.

⁴ Great is my confidence in you, great is my boasting on your behalf; I am filled with comfort. I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction.

⁵ For even when we came into Macedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on every side: conflicts without, fears within.

⁶ But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus

Philippians 2:17 ...even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

¹⁸ And you too, *I urge you*, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

¹⁹ But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.

1 Thessalonians 2:19 ...who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming?

²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

1 Thessalonians 3:7 ... in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith;

⁸ for now we *really* live, if you stand firm in the Lord.

⁹ For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account,

1 John 1:4 ... these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

3 John 1:4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

All scripture is from the NASV. Colossians 1:12-2:3 is in the form of a phrase by phrase break down. The words and word order have not been changed.