



HOW TO AVOID CAPTURE

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Colossians 1

¹⁹ For it was the *Father's* good pleasure
for all the fulness to dwell in Him,
²⁰ and
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.

²¹ And
although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind,
engaged in evil deeds,
²² yet
He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death,
in order to present you before Him
holy and blameless and beyond reproach—
²³ if 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.

²⁴ Now
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.

²⁵ Of *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,
²⁷ to 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.

²⁸ And
we proclaim Him,
admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom,
that we may present every man complete in Christ.

²⁹ And 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,
² that 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,
³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with persuasive argument.
⁵ For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit,
rejoicing to see
your good discipline
and the stability of your faith in Christ.

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
walk in Him,
⁷ having been firmly rooted
and now being built up in Him
and established in your faith,
just as you were instructed,
and overflowing with gratitude.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive
through philosophy and empty deception,
according to the tradition of men,

according to the elementary principles of the world,
rather than according to Christ.

⁹ For

in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete,

and He is the head over all rule and authority;

¹¹ and in Him you were also circumcised

with a circumcision made without hands,

in the removal of the body of the flesh

by the circumcision of Christ;

¹² having been buried with Him in baptism,

in which you were also raised up with Him

through faith in the working of God,

who raised Him from the dead.

¹³ And

when you were dead

in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh,

He made you alive together with Him,

having forgiven us all our transgressions,

¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt

consisting of decrees against us

and which was hostile to us;

and He has taken it out of the way,

having nailed it to the cross.

¹⁵ When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities,

He made a public display of them,

having triumphed over them through Him.

All scripture is from the NASV. Colossians 1:19-2:15 is in the form of a phrase by phrase break down. The words and word order have not been changed.