

Colossians Series

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A landscape photograph showing a range of mountains in the background, some with snow. In the middle ground, there are several hills and a line of trees, some of which are bare. The foreground is a field of dry, brown grass. The sky is a clear, light blue.

COLOSSIANS:

Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

Ministry:
Goals, Obstacles, Virtues
Colossians 1:29–2:1-5

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**ἀγωνιζόμενος *agonizomai*,
pres mid ptcp;
“to strive, to struggle, to
strain, to work hard or
exert oneself, to do
everything possible to
accomplish the task.”**

The goal of the ministry

Ephesians 4:11, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Ephesians 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Ephesians 4:13, “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man [τέλειος *téleios*];, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;”

Understanding בִּינָה. *binah*

A biblical concept often related to how we put things together in our head. The Bible speaks of two categories of understanding: human and divine. The human if limited and finite and often wrong.

Knowledge (information + biblical framework)

מַדְרָע. *mad'a* “Knowledge, science, thought.”

Wisdom (skillful application)

חֵכְמָה *hokmah*

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ἀγών *agōn*; noun; “strife, contention, contest for victory as in a sports contest”

2 Cor. 6:4, “But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers [*diakonia* servants] of God: in much patience [*hupomone* – endurance], in tribulations [*thlipsin* – adversity], in needs [*ananke* – compulsion, self-discipline], in distresses [*stenochoria* – difficult circumstances],

2 Cor. 6:5, “in stripes [*plege* – beatings], in imprisonments, in tumults [*akastasia* – confusion, chaos, disarray], in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings [hunger];”

2 Cor. 6:6, “by purity [*hagnos* – sanctification], by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,”

2 Cor. 6:7, “by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

2 Cor. 6:8, “by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;”

2 Cor. 6:9, “as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed;

2 Cor. 6:10, “as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.”

2 Cor. 11:23, “Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes [beatings] above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often.

2 Cor. 11:24, “From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.”

2 Cor. 11:25, “Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;

2 Cor. 11:26, “in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;”

2 Cor. 11:27, “in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—

2 Cor. 11:28, “besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.”

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Παρακαλέω *parakaleo*,

**Aor pass subj expresses
priority of purpose**

συμβιβάζω *sumbibázō*;

aorist pass ptcp

**related to the main verb as
a ptcp of means**

Rom. 11:33, “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!”

Eph. 1:18, “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,”

Eph. 2:7, “that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

Eph. 3:8, “To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,”