**COLOSSIANS**

**A** 1:1-2. Paul and Timothy: Grace to you and peace

**B** 1:3-8. Thanks: for their faith, love and hope. The word of truth, the gospel

Learnt from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant, a faithful minister

**C** 1:9-14. We have not ceased to pray for you: Be filled with the knowledge of His will

Bearing fruit, giving thanks to the Father who has qualified you …

**D** 1:13-23. The Person and work of Christ: In Him four times

In Him we have the redemption, the forgiveness of sins

In Him all things were created, through Him and for Him

In Him all things hold together: the Head of the body, the church

In Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell

**E** 1:24-2:5. Paul’s stewardship: to make the word of God fully known, the mystery

Knit together in love (2:2). Let no one delude you with plausible speech

The mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory

***D*** 2:6-15. What Christ has done for them: In Him or Whom seven times

In Him the whole fullness of Deity dwells bodily

In Him you have been filled, circumcised, buried

In Whom you were also co-raised through faith in God’s raising power

In Him God has triumphed over rulers and authorities

***E*** 2:16-4:1. How they should live in the light of their standing in Christ

Let no one disqualify you insisting on asceticism and worship of angels

Not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body

nourished and knit together through it joints and ligaments grows

If with Christ you died … If then you have been co-raised with Christ

Then you also will appear with Him in glory (3:4)

Here there is not Greek and Jew … Christ is all, and in all

***C*** 4:2-6. Pray form us also: an open door to declare the mystery of Christ

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt

***B*** 4:7-17. Greetings: Tychicus, beloved brother, faithful minister, fellow servant in the Lord

Epaphras greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers

***A*** 4:18. I Paul write this greeting. Grace be with you.