

## Colossians choral reading

CHARACTERS: Paul (23), Timothy (21), All,

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: about 3 minutes/page

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Colossians 1-4 (NIV & HCSB)

### Chapter 1

PAUL: A letter from me, Paul, and Timothy (*PAUL uses hand to indicate who Timothy is*) our brother,

TIMOTHY: To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

ALL: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

PAUL: We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,

TIMOTHY: because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus

ALL: and of the love you have for all God's people

PAUL: the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven.

TIMOTHY: The gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world

ALL: just as it has been doing among you.

PAUL: Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you.

TIMOTHY: We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will

ALL: so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way:

PAUL: bearing fruit in every good work,

TIMOTHY: growing in the knowledge of God,

ALL: being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience.

PAUL: The Father has rescued us from the dominion of darkness

TIMOTHY: and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

ALL: in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### The Supremacy of Jesus (chapter 1-2a)

PAUL: The Son is the image of the invisible God,

ALL: the firstborn over all creation.

TIMOTHY: For in him all things were created:

ALL: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,

PAUL: whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;

ALL: all things have been created through him and for him.

TIMOTHY: He is before all things,

ALL: and in him all things hold together.

PAUL: Jesus is the head of the body, the church;

ALL: he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,

TIMOTHY: so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

ALL: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

PAUL: God has reconciled you by Christ's physical body

ALL: through his death

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PAUL: Continue in your faith, established and firm,

ALL: Do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

TIMOTHY: Jesus is the one we proclaim,

ALL: so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

PAUL: To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

ALL: So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,

TIMOTHY: continue to live your lives in him,

ALL: rooted and built up in him,

PAUL: strengthened in the faith as you were taught,

ALL: and overflowing with thankfulness.

### Chapter 2-3a

PAUL: See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy,

ALL: which depends on human tradition rather than on Christ.

TIMOTHY: For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.

ALL: He is the head over every power and authority.

PAUL: You have been buried with him in baptism,

ALL: When you were dead in your sins, God made you alive with Christ.

TIMOTHY: He forgave us all our sin.

ALL: He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

PAUL: Since you have been raised with the Messiah,

ALL: seek what is above, where the Messiah is,

TIMOTHY: seated at the right hand of God.

ALL: Set your minds on what is above, not on what is on the earth.

### Chapter 3-4

PAUL: As God's chosen ones, holy and loved,

ALL: put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility,

TIMOTHY: gentleness, and patience, accepting one another

ALL: and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another.

PAUL: Just as the Lord has forgiven you,

ALL: so you must also forgive.

TIMOTHY: Above all, put on love—the perfect bond of unity.

ALL: Let the peace of the Messiah control your hearts.

PAUL: Be thankful.

ALL: Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you,

TIMOTHY: teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,

ALL: and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs,

PAUL: with gratitude in your hearts to God.

ALL: And whatever you do, in word or in deed,

TIMOTHY: do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

ALL: giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

PAUL: Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically,

ALL: as something done for the Lord and not for men,

TIMOTHY: knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord.

ALL: You serve the Lord Christ.

PAUL: Devote yourselves to prayer;

ALL: stay alert in it with thanksgiving.

TIMOTHY: Act wisely toward outsiders,

ALL: making the most of the time.

PAUL: Your speech should always be gracious,

ALL: seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.

TIMOTHY: Pay attention to the ministry you have received in the Lord, so that you can accomplish it.

ALL: Grace be with you.

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