

## Colossians 1.15-17-1-1

# Servant

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## Colossians 1

(21) Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.  
(22) But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

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There is a God who existed before anything existed. To display His beauty, wisdom, and power, He created a finely-tuned universe of two trillion galaxies.

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In one of those galaxies, He created a planet called earth that could support many complex and beautiful species of life.

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God designed one species (called man) with the ability to know God and experience the joy of loving and serving Him.

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Despite a world of perfect blessings, humans soon doubted their need for God and chose to rebel (sin) against God.

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Man's rebellion broke His relationship with God and resulted in great damage throughout the world.

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In order to repair the brokenness caused by sin, God became a man that He might suffer death which was the penalty for man's rebellion.

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God came to the world when the eternal Son of God left the glory of heaven to become a man in the person of Jesus Christ.

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Jesus died on a cross and rose from the grave in order to forgive the sin of anyone who calls out to Him by faith.

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(16)...all things have been created through [Christ] and for him...so that in everything he might have the supremacy...(19) For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, (20) and through him to reconcile to himself all things...by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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Faith in the suffering of Jesus for sin will reconcile any man or woman with God.

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Jesus Christ sacrificed His life on the cross so that people could be cleansed of guilt and no longer be controlled by a hostile attitude toward God.

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(23) **This is the gospel** that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a **servant**.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
have become  
a servant of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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Every twenty-four hours we exchange a day of our life for something in return. At the end of our race, all of us want the same thing - to have run with such hope and purpose that we'll be able to say, "I'm glad I gave my life for that thing." Those who finish well never stop asking... What am I chasing in life? And if I get it, does it really matter?

- Chasing What Matters

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## Foundational Beliefs of a Faithful Servant

1. The message of Christ's suffering is made known through our suffering

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### Colossians 1

(24) Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.

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## John 19

(30) Jesus said, "It is finished."

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## Hebrews 9

(26) But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

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## Philippians 2

(25) But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my...co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs.

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## Philippians 2

(29) So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy...(30) because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

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Philippians 2:30

He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

Colossians 1:24

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The church at Philippi already TOOK UP a sufficient offering for Paul's needs.

But Epaphroditis would have to sacrifice TO TAKE the offering to Paul.

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Christ has made the only sacrifice that can take away the world's sins.

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Christ has made the only sacrifice that can take away the world's sins.

The world knows of Christ's sacrifice through the sacrifices we make to tell them.

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The task of telling the world  
of Christ's suffering  
will require our suffering.

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## 2 Corinthians 11

(24) Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. (25) Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, ... (27) I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep;

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## 2 Corinthians 11

I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. (28) Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

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## 2 Corinthians 12

(10) ...for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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The early Christians embraced suffering, torture, even martyrdom, because they knew that their sufferings gave them the opportunity to best proclaim the gospel message.

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Early Christians could not evangelize through public crusades and evangelistic rallies. The one place you could get a public hearing for the gospel was in a trial for martyrdom.

-Trevin Wax

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2. God's mission requires life-long allegiance to God's call.

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## Colossians 1

(25) I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness.

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## Acts 26

(4) “The Jewish people all know the way I have lived ever since I was a child...that I conformed to the strictest sect of our religion, living as a Pharisee.

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## Acts 26

(9) "I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. (10) And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord's people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them.

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## Acts 26

(11) Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities.

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## In North Korea:

Anyone discovered to be a Christian or to have expressed any interest in Christ or the Bible is considered an enemy of the state.

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## Acts 26

(12) "On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. (13) About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions.

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## Acts 26

(14) We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, j 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?... (15) "Then I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?'

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## Acts 26

" 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied.

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## Acts 26

(16) 'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me.

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## Acts 26

(17) I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them (18) to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God,

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## Acts 26

so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' (19) "So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.

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## 1 Timothy 1

(15) Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

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## 1 Timothy 6

(16) But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

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## 1 Corinthians 15

(9) For I...do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

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## 1 Corinthians 15

(10) But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect.

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