

## Part 1 – The Book of Colossians

### Introduction - The Frame

**2 Peter 3:14-16** 14 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also **our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,** 16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, **in which are some things hard to understand,** which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

**Philippians 1:7** For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both **in my imprisonment** and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are **partakers of grace** with me.

**13** so that my **imprisonment** in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,

**14** and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, **have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.**

**Colossians 4:18** I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. **Remember my imprisonment.** Grace be with you.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** **16 All Scripture is inspired by God** and profitable **for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training** in righteousness; **17** so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

So what did we just read there? Well firstly that ALL scripture **has a purpose:** so we can derive from that verse namely **4 purposes:** lets briefly touch on them, I will give a reference example for each:

FOR **DOCTRINE;** (right believing) ;

FOR **REPROOF;** (reproving us when we are not adhering rightly to the doctrine);

FOR **CORRECTION;** (pointing us back to right believing)

**“FOR training in righteousness”;**

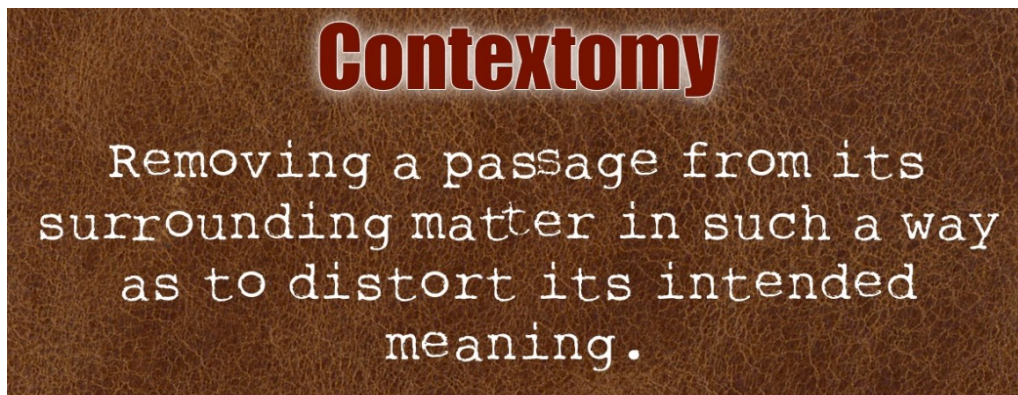
**Galatians 1:6-10** I am amazed that you are so quickly **deserting Him** who called you by the grace of Christ, **for a different gospel;**

**7 which is really not another;** only there are some **who are disturbing you** and want to **distort the gospel of Christ.**

8 **But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!**

9 As we have **said before, so I say again now**, if any man is preaching to you **a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!**

10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, **I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.**



***Scope - EW Bullinger:***

*"When we speak of the "Scope" we mean—what it is all about; the one subject which is being treated of, or written about. This **will always** furnish a key to the meaning of the words employed".*