

Part 3 – The Book of Colossians

The Frame is Set

Colossians 1:1-4

The meaning of authoritarian:

a disposition to treat authority figures with unquestioning obedience and respect.

“13 of the 27 books of the New Testament are ascribed to Paul the Apostle, which is more than the number ascribed to any other New Testament author. However, many of these texts are quite short, and Paul wrote a bit less than 25% of the New Testament when calculating from the 13 texts which are ascribed to him.”

What proportion of the Greek New Testament did Paul write?

| Author | Words | Percent |
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| Paul | 32,408 | 23.48% |
| John | 28,091 | 20.35% |
| Matthew | 18,346 | 13.29% |
| Mark | 11,304 | 8.19% |

Ephesians 2:19-20 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household,

20 having been **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,**

Ephesians 4:11-12 And **He gave some as apostles, and some** as prophets, **and some** as evangelists, **and some** as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

Deuteronomy 4:2 You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, **nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments** of the Lord your God which I command you.

Philippians 3:4-7 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, **I far more:**

5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, **a Pharisee;**

6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

7 But whatever **things were gain to me**, those things I have counted as **loss for the sake of Christ.**

Acts 9:1-16

8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

*11 And the Lord said to him, "**Get up and go to the street called Straight**, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." **15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; 16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."***

2 Corinthians 12:12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, **by signs and wonders and miracles.**

Bauer–Danker–Arndt–Gingrich (BDAG) or sometimes the ***Bauer-Danker Lexicon***.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bauer%27s_Lexicon

Colossians 1:1 Paul, **an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God**, and Timothy our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

*Grk " **brethren**," but the Greek word may be used for "brothers and sisters" or "fellow Christians" as here (cf. BDAG 18 s.v. [adelphois] 1, where considerable non biblical evidence for the plural [adelphoi] meaning "brothers and sisters" is cited).*

Definition:

Apostle: ἀπόστολος – (apostolos) - a messenger, one sent on a mission,

Philippians 1:1-2 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus,

*To all the **saints in Christ Jesus** who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons: 2 **Grace to you and peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Colossians 1:3 We give thanks to God, the **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, **praying always for you,**

V:3**praying always for you**, *does not mean The Apostle Paul was "always"- full-time praying, it simply means **when** he did pray, this church at Colossae was included in his prayers.*

4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints;