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Foreword

It is with deep reverence for the Word of God that I present this edition of Walking Through the Epistle – Colossians 1 (Part II), a carefully preserved and faithfully structured transcript of PST. Dolapo Lawal’s teaching ministry.

This work is not merely a commentary on Scripture; it is a sincere unfolding of apostolic truth through the lens of Christ-centred interpretation. From the very opening lines, the reader is drawn into a journey that is not academic alone, but deeply spiritual—anchored in the conviction that all Scripture finds its true meaning in Christ.

One of the defining strengths of this teaching is its unwavering insistence on the centrality of Jesus Christ. The epistles are not treated as isolated doctrinal texts, but as divine explanations of what was promised in the Scriptures and fulfilled in the Gospels. In this light, Colossians is not simply read—it is seen as revelation interpreting revelation.

As you proceed through these pages, you will notice a consistent thread: fellowship with God is the essence of the believer’s walk. The preacher draws attention to “walking with God” not as mechanical effort, but as relational alignment—echoing the lives of Enoch, Noah, and Abraham. This fellowship is presented as the foundation of consecration, fruitfulness, and spiritual maturity.

The teaching also brings clarity to critical doctrinal distinctions—such as forgiveness and justification—while showing how true theology must always produce transformation. Knowledge, in this context, is not mere information but revelation that produces Christlike living. The believer is continually pointed away from speculation and toward revelation; away from fear-based awareness and toward Christ-centred understanding.

Of particular importance is the emphasis on “bearing fruit” as the natural outcome of inward transformation. Here, the believer is reminded that spiritual life is not

self-generated but Spirit-produced, and that true growth is measured by increasing conformity to Christ through the knowledge of Him.

This edition preserves not only the doctrinal depth of the message but also its pastoral urgency. The tone is direct, sometimes confrontational, yet deeply rooted in a desire to bring the believer into alignment with truth. It is a reminder that Scripture is not given for intellectual satisfaction alone, but for transformation and consecration.

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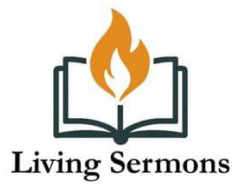
Good evening everyone. Welcome to Thursday Bible Study.

We are continuing the series *Walking Through the Epistles*. Last week, I began teaching on the book of Colossians and gave a commentary from verse 1 to verse 9. Today, we will continue from verse 9.

I know we had already started the book of Galatians, but when I came to Lagos, I began teaching Colossians. I want to try and complete chapter one today, and then we will return to Galatians.

My goal is that before the end of this year, every epistle in the New Testament will have a commentary on every verse. So, during our Thursday Bible Studies, we will be doing expository teaching so that you can properly understand what every epistle is about and be able to fulfil 1 Peter 3:15 — to make a defence for your faith.

So, let us pray.



Opening Prayer

Father, in the name of Jesus, Lord, we ask that the entrance of Your Word will give us light. We ask that Jesus is glorified as we share Your Word. We are edified. We see Him and see ourselves as He sees us in Him.

And everyone said, "Amen."



The Scriptures, the Gospels, and the Epistles

Let us go straight into it.

I always say this: all Scripture is Genesis to Revelation. But for proper understanding and Bible interpretation, the Scriptures are Genesis to Malachi.

In the Scriptures, you have the promise of the Messiah — the promise of God. In the Gospels, you see the manifestation of that promise, which is the person of Christ. Then in the Epistles, the apostles explain the Scriptures.

In other words, the Gospels unveil the promise, while the Epistles reveal what has already been unveiled. The Epistles explain the implications and realities of the life that the promise brought through Christ.

That means the context for New Testament writings must always be the Old Testament because the apostles were interpreting Scripture.

Apostolic Doctrine versus False Doctrine

The difference between apostolic doctrine and Gnostic doctrine — or the Judaizers Paul warned about in Galatians and Colossians — is interpretation of Scripture.

When John says:

“Believe not every spirit... every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God”

(1 John 4:1–2, KJV)

he is interpreting Old Testament prophecy concerning the Messiah coming as a man.

The apostles were not inventing new ideas. They were explaining what had already been promised in Scripture.

The Law Pointed to Christ

Sometimes people read the Law of Moses and wonder why certain instructions were given.

For example:

- Why were they forbidden from eating pigs?
- Why were they not allowed to mix fabrics?
- Why were ceremonial laws so specific?

The answer is that these laws pointed to Christ.

Colossians 2:16 and Hebrews 10:1 explain that the law was a shadow of good things to come, not the very image itself.

The ceremonial laws were symbolic teachings.

For example, the priest could wear mixed garments, but the people could not. Why? Because in Christ alone, Jews and Gentiles become one.

The dietary laws also communicated spiritual truths. Animals that chewed the cud symbolised meditation and inward transformation. The law itself was preaching Christ in symbols and shadows.

Even instructions concerning beards carried Messianic significance because the Messiah's beard would be plucked for our sake.

All these things ultimately pointed to Christ.

Hebrews: Interpreting the Old Testament through Christ

When we eventually study Hebrews, you will see this clearly.

- Hebrews 1 introduces Jesus.
- Hebrews 2 shows Jesus greater than angels.
- Hebrews 3 shows Jesus greater than Moses.
- Hebrews 4 shows Jesus greater than Joshua.
- Hebrews 5 reveals Him as our High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

The writer continually places the Old Testament shadow beside the New Testament substance.

Colossians as an Interpretation of Scripture

You can also see this pattern throughout Colossians.

- Colossians 1:3 reflects Psalm 136:1.
- Colossians 1:9–10 reflects Micah 6:8.
- Colossians 1:13 reflects Isaiah 9:2.
- Colossians 1:15 reflects Genesis 1:27.
- Colossians 1:16 reflects Genesis 1:1.
- Colossians 1:20 reflects Isaiah 53:5.
- Colossians 1:27 reflects Jeremiah 31:33.

The New Testament writers were not freestyling. What you are reading are inspired message notes built upon the foundation of Scripture. The New Testament is promise fulfilled.

Colossians 1:9–14 — Paul’s Prayer

Paul begins to pray for the Colossians:

“For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you...”

(Colossians 1:9, KJV)

The reason he mentions here goes back to verse 4:

“Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints.”

(Colossians 1:4, KJV)

Paul's prayer directly confronts the false teachings influencing the church, though he does not yet mention them by name.

The false teachers claimed to offer superior wisdom and hidden knowledge. Paul responds by praying that the believers would receive true wisdom from God Himself.

The Knowledge of His Will

Paul prays that they may:

“Be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.”

(Colossians 1:9, KJV)

This is very important.

Paul is saying: Do not pursue speculative philosophy. Pursue revealed will. The will of God is not discovered merely through human effort or intellectual research. It is revealed.

Discovery versus Revelation

There is a difference between discovery and revelation. Discovery is something you find through effort. Revelation is something shown to you.

In discovery, your advantage is effort. In revelation, your advantage is positioning. In revelation, you rest to see. The will of God is not something you can fully grasp intellectually. That is why the Gospel is not fundamentally about argumentation or philosophical reasoning.

The Gospel is the announcement of victory. The word “gospel” means glad tidings — the announcement that a king has returned victorious from battle. So, when we preach the Gospel, we are proclaiming that Jesus conquered sin and death for us.

Explaining the Faith

The Gospel is preached to the world, but it is explained in the church. We make sense of the faith; we do not make sense for faith. There are truths we can explain, and there are truths we receive by faith.

For example:

We can explain why Jesus had to be born of a virgin — because He had to be spotless and without sin. But we cannot scientifically explain how a virgin conceived. That is a miracle. And miracles require faith.

Walking Worthy of the Lord

Paul continues:

“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing...”

(Colossians 1:10, KJV)

Doctrine must produce righteous conduct. The true test of theology is consecration. If revelation does not transform your conduct, then you have not truly understood it.

Forgiveness versus Justification

There is a doctrinal difference between forgiveness of sins and justification. Forgiveness acknowledges guilt but grants pardon.

For example, when Jesus told the woman caught in adultery:

“Go, and sin no more.”

(John 8:11, KJV)

He acknowledged her sinful condition but released her. Justification, however, is deeper. Justification is not merely release from sin; it is entrance into a new status.

If someone is forgiven in court, the court says:

“Yes, you did it, but you are pardoned.”

But justification says:

“You are declared righteous.”

Now, we know we were sinners. So how did God justify us?

Because justification does not merely remove punishment; it introduces sonship.

Justification Leads to Sanctification

Once I embrace justification, sanctification begins.

Why?

Because justification means I now stand before God with a new nature. I am no longer learning merely how not to sin. I am learning how to live righteous because of who I now am in Christ. That is why true theology produces righteous fruit.

If someone says they understand righteousness but continues defeated by sin, then they have not truly understood the righteousness of God in Christ.

Faith must produce works of faith.

As James says:

“Faith without works is dead.”

(James 2:26, KJV)

Doctrine That Has Legs

Paul moves from knowledge to conduct.

First, knowledge of His will.

Then, walking worthy.

This means doctrine must have legs.

In other words, doctrine must move you into action.

And the use of the word “walk” is intentional.

The First Mention of Walk

To understand “walk,” we look at its first appearance in Scripture. The first use of “walk” is found in Genesis 3:8:

“And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden...”

(Genesis 3:8, KJV)

The word is introduced in the context of fellowship.

So, when Paul says “walk worthy,” he is not speaking merely about effort or performance. He is speaking about fellowship. This walk is relational, not mechanical. It is communion with God. It’s not hard work. Now look at other places where it is used.

The second time it is used is Genesis 5:22–24:

“And Enoch walked with God...” (*KJV*)

And what does that mean? Enoch fellowshiped with the Lord. You know, I sometimes imagine it—God came to walk with Enoch, and they just enjoyed fellowship together, walking and walking. And before you know it, Enoch just entered into glory.

That kind of walk is not about struggle; it is about fellowship.

Walking with God is Fellowship

It is interesting that God can be fond of a human being. David was called a man after God’s own heart. It is powerful that God can relate with a man in such intimacy.

That is the meaning of walk. He was not perfect, but in the walk, he was aligned.

When God came to Adam and said, “Where are you?” it was not a geographical question—it was a fellowship question.

Adam hid. He broke the walk.

He shifted blame, saying, “It is the woman...”

In other words, he suspended fellowship with God.

More Examples of Walking with God

Genesis 5:22–24 — Enoch walked with God.

Genesis 6:9 — Noah walked with God.

Genesis 17:1 — Abraham was invited to walk before God:

“Walk before me, and be thou perfect.” (*KJV*)

Perfection here is not effort—it is fellowship.

Consecration is Fellowship

So “walk worthy” is not about striving. It is about fellowship.

Our consecration is fellowship.

When my altar is right and I am in fellowship with God, certain things naturally fall off—not by force, but by love.

It takes hardness of heart to remain in perpetual sin and still maintain a genuine prayer life.

A Warning About Double Living

It is a dangerous place to be—where someone claims to pray yet lives comfortably in sin.

Jesus said:

“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.” (*Matthew 26:41, KJV*)

Prayer is meant to protect from falling into temptation.

If someone is consistently falling into sin while claiming to pray, something is wrong with the alignment of the heart.

That condition is called hardness of heart. You cannot sustain fellowship with God and remain comfortable in sin. It drains spiritual sensitivity. True fellowship creates conviction, not comfort in sin.

Bearing Fruit in Every Good Work

Now verse 10 continues:

“Being fruitful in every good work...” (*Colossians 1:10, KJV*)

Fruit is outward evidence of inward transformation. Fruit is not self-produced—it is borne. A believer does not generate fruit independently; the Spirit produces it, and the believer yields to it.

Joy is not self-generated—it is the Spirit expressing Himself through you.

Faithfulness is not human consistency—it is divine nature working in you.

So when you see fruit, you are seeing the manifestation of God’s life within.

Increasing in the Knowledge of God

Paul continues:

“Increasing in the knowledge of God.” (*Colossians 1:10, KJV*)

Growth is real—but it is growth in knowledge of God, not just information. You can know many things and still lack peace. Grace and peace are multiplied through knowledge of Christ.

Beware of Wrong Emphasis

You can learn too much about darkness and lose awareness of grace. If a teaching spends 80% describing what the devil can do and only 20% on Christ's victory, something is off balance.

The focus must remain Christ.

Authority Over Darkness

Spiritual authority is not emotional struggle—it is legal standing in Christ.

Demons respond to authority, not noise. At the name of Jesus, every power must submit.

“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...” (*Philippians 2:10, KJV*)

It is not about who is speaking—it is about the name being used.

Peace is calmness in the middle of chaos.

The more you know Jesus, the more stable you become internally.

Even in storms, you are not shaken because you already know the outcome.

Like Paul on the ship in Acts 27, knowledge produced peace in chaos.

Stop Feeding Fear, Feed Christ

Many people are overloaded with fear-based knowledge—witchcraft, curses, and spiritual paranoia.

But Scripture calls us to focus on Christ.

Our growth is not in awareness of darkness, but in awareness of Christ.

Bible study is Christology—it is the study of Christ.

Growth does not come from knowing more spiritual theories; it comes from knowing Jesus.

Solomon had wisdom, yet wisdom alone cannot sustain a man without divine alignment.

The Error of Solomon

Solomon asked for wisdom once and stopped seeking God continually.

He also lacked prophetic accountability like Nathan had been to David.

So wisdom without fellowship produced imbalance.

Christ, Not Mere Knowledge

True spiritual maturity is not accumulation of knowledge—it is transformation into Christlikeness.

Even Apollos, though mighty in Scripture, still needed deeper revelation of Christ.

So Aquila and Priscilla expounded the way of God more perfectly to him.

The Excellent Way

The most excellent understanding of Scripture is Christ Himself.

We are not pursuing wisdom as an idea.

We are pursuing Christ—the wisdom and power of God.

“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom...” (1
Corinthians 1:30, KJV)

Closing Charge

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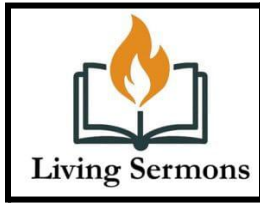
We are not chasing knowledge.

We are chasing Christ.

And as we know Him, grace and peace increase.

We will continue from verse 11 next time.

God bless you.



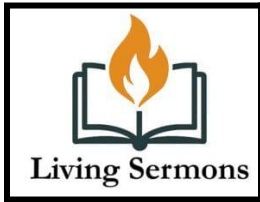
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He is committed to raising believers who are grounded in Scripture, mature in character, and intentional about growth. His teaching addresses real issues—faith, relationships, purpose, leadership, and personal responsibility—without exaggeration or sentimentality.

Pastor Dolapo Lawal is known for clarity, accountability, and balance. He challenges listeners to look inward before looking outward, to embrace process over shortcuts, and to pursue transformation rather than appearance.

His desire is simple: that believers grow into stability, wisdom, and Christlike maturity through the uncompromised teaching of God’s Word.



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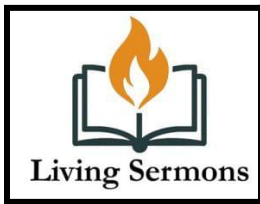
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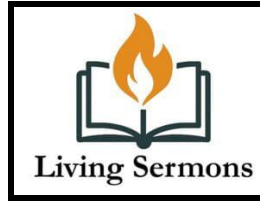
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