

The Letter to the Colossians

Two Main Points of Pauls writings to the Colossians

1. The Supremacy of Christ
2. The Completeness of Christians in Christ


1. Opening address (1:1-14)

- a. Greeting (1:1-2)
- b. Prayer and Thanksgiving (1:3-14)

2. Christian Belief (1:14-2:23)

- a. Preeminence of Christ (1:15-23)
- b. The Ministry of Paul (1:24-2:7)
- c. The Cross and the Circumcision of Christ (2:8-15)
- d. The Shadows of the Old Covenant (2:16-23)

3. Christian Behavior (3:1- 4:6)

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- a. A New Mind in Christ (3:1-4)
 - b. A New Life in Christ (3:5-17)
 - c. Family Life in Christ (3:18-4:1)
 - d. Prayer and Conversation in Christ (4:2-6)

4. Closing Farewell (4:7-18)

- a. The Commendation of Tychicus and Onesimus (4:7-9)
 - b. Final Greetings and Instrutions (4:10-18)
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Colossians 3:1 – right hand of God

664 Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." After this event the apostles became witnesses of the "kingdom [that] will have no end".

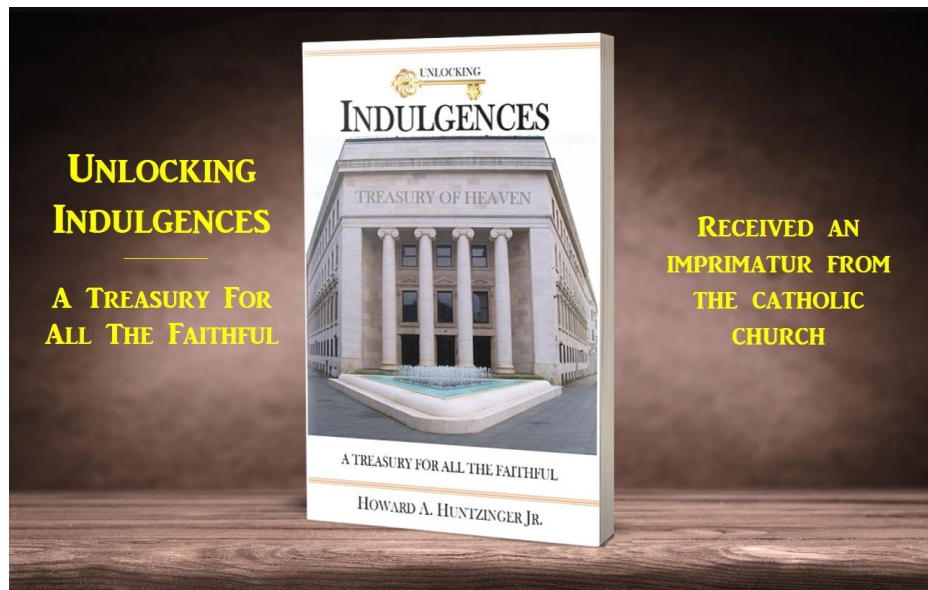
1003 United with Christ by Baptism, believers already truly participate in the heavenly life of the risen Christ, but this life remains "hidden with Christ in God." The Father has already "raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Nourished with his body in the Eucharist, we already belong to the Body of Christ. When we rise on the last day we "also will appear with him in glory."

Colossians 3:5-8 – THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SINS

1852 There are a great many kinds of sins. Scripture provides several lists of them. The *Letter to the Galatians* contrasts the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit: "Now the works of the flesh are plain: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." (Gal 5:19-21; cf. Rom 1:28-32; 1 Cor 6:9-10; Eph 5:3-5; Col 3:5-9; 1 Tim 1:9-10; 2 Tim 3:2-5.)

1853 Sins can be distinguished according to their objects, as can every human act; or according to the virtues they oppose, by excess or defect; or according to the commandments they violate. They can also be classed according to whether they concern God, neighbor, or oneself; they can be divided into spiritual and carnal sins, or again as sins in thought, word, deed, or omission. The root of sin is in the heart of man, in his free will, according to the teaching of the Lord: "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a man." (Mt 15:19-20) But in the heart also resides charity, the source of the good and pure works, which sin wounds.

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