



# Colossians

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**Christianity is  
Community  
With Jesus, with others**

The background image shows a landscape of ancient ruins, likely the Temple of Apollo in Side, Turkey. Several tall, fluted columns stand prominently in the middle ground, with other smaller ruins and columns scattered in the foreground and background. The scene is set against a backdrop of rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. The entire image is covered with a dark teal overlay, and the text is rendered in a clean, white, sans-serif font.



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*without Christ there's  
discord between God  
& man, as well as  
between man & man*





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*Compassion, kindness,  
humility, gentleness &  
patience.*





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*He who loves his dream of a community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter, even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest, earnest & sacrificial.*



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Spiritual love proves itself in that everything it says & does commends Christ. It won't seek to move others by all too personal, direct influence, by impure interference in the life of another. It won't take pleasure in pious, human fervor & excitement. It'll rather meet the other person with the clear Word of God & be ready to leave him alone with this Word for a long time, willing to release him again in order that Christ may deal with him. This spiritual love will speak to Christ about a brother more than to a brother about Christ.



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*Human love lives by uncontrolled & uncontrollable dark desires; spiritual love lives in the clear light of service ordered by the truth.*

*Human love produces human subjection, dependence, constraint; spiritual love creates freedom of the brethren under the Word. Human love breeds hothouse flowers; spiritual love creates the fruits that grow healthily in accord with God's good will in the rain, storm & sunshine of God's outdoors.*



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*let the peace of Christ rule,  
let the word of God dwell  
& do everything in the  
name of Christ*





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**read - study - live**

*heed it (Matthew 13:9)*

*handle it (2 Timothy 2:15)*

*hide it (Psalm 119:11)*

*hold it forth (Phil 2:16)*





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**Ephesians 2:14**  
**He is our peace**