

Colossians 1:13-20

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ὁς ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῆς ἐξουσίας τοῦ σκότους καὶ μετέστησεν εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ υἱοῦ τῆς ἀγάπης αὐτοῦ,

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

ἐρρύσατο - 18x in NT - aorist mid/dep indicative 4x in NT * - *to rescue from danger, with the implication that the danger in question is severe and acute* -

Matt 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

Matt 27:43 He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, I am the Son of God."

Luke 1:74 to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

Acts 15:29 that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from unchastity. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell."

Romans 7:24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Romans 11:26 and so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob";

Romans 15:31 that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,

*2Cor 1:10 [3x] he delivered us from so deadly a peril, and he will deliver us; on him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

*Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

1Thess 1:10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

2Thess 3:2 and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men; for not all have faith.

*2Tim 3:11 my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.

2Tim 4:17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength to proclaim the message fully, that all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

2Tim 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*2Peter 2:7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the licentiousness of the wicked

2Peter 2:9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trial, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,

ἐξουσίας τοῦ σκότους - only 2x in NT

Lu 22:53 When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Col 1:13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

ἐξουσίας - 27x in Paul, 4x in Colossians - *the right to control or govern over - the domain or sphere over which one has authority to control or rule - a means or instrument by which authority is marked or symbolized - one who has the authority to rule or govern - a state of control over someone or something - the power to do something, with or without an added implication of authority - a supernatural power having some particular role in controlling the destiny and activities of human beings - the right to judge on the basis of having the potential to evaluate* -

Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

Col 1:16 for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him.

Col 2:10 and you have come to fulness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Col 2:15 He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.

τοῦ σκότους - 5x in Paul - *darkness [with article]* -

Romans 13:12 the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

1Cor 4:5 Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then every man will receive his commendation from God.

Eph 5:11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

Eph 6:12 For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world

rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

μετέστησεν - 5x in NT

Lu 16:4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

Ac 13:22 When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.'

Ac 19:26 You also see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost the whole of Asia this Paul has persuaded and drawn away a considerable number of people by saying that gods made with hands are not gods.

1Co 13:2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

Col 1:13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν - 19x in NT[chiefly in the gospels]-, 3x in Paul - *to the kingdom*

Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

Col 4:11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.

2Tim 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ υἱοῦ - not occurring elsewhere in the NT, Paul does use βασιλεία 14x's

Ro 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

1Co 4:20 For the kingdom of God depends not on talk but on power.

1Co 6:9 Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived! Fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, sodomites,

1Co 6:10 thieves, the greedy, drunkards, revilers, robbers--none of these will inherit the kingdom of God.

1Co 15:24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.

1Co 15:50 What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Ga 5:21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Eph 5:5 Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Col 1:13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

Col 4:11 And Jesus who is called Justus greets you. These are the only ones of the circumcision among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.

1Th 2:12 urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

2Th 1:5 This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, and is intended to make you worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering.

2Ti 4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:

2Ti 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

τοῦ υἱοῦ τῆς ἀγάπης - NT Hapax - similar is - ὁ υἱός μου ὁ ἀγαπητός - 8x in NT

Matt 3:17 καὶ ἰδοὺ φωνὴ ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν λέγουσα, Οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱός μου ὁ ἀγαπητός, ἐν ᾧ εὐδόκησα. and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Matt 17:5 He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Mark 1:11 and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

Mark 9:7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

Mark 12:6 He had still one other, a beloved son; finally he sent him to them, saying, They will respect my son.'

Luke 3:22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

Luke 20:13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; it may be they will respect him.'

2Peter 1:17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"

ἀγάπης -5x in Colossians

1:4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,

1:8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

1:13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

2:2 I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself,

3:14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

1:14

ἐν ᾧ ἔχομεν τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, τὴν ἄφεσιν τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

ἐν ᾧ ἔχομεν - 3x in NT - *in whom we have* -

Eph 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

Eph 3:12 in whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in him.

Col 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

ἀπολύτρωσιν - 14x in NT - *to release or set free, with the implied analogy to the process of freeing a slave - `to set free, to liberate, to deliver, liberation, deliverance.'*

Lu 21:28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Ro 3:24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Ro 8:23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

1Co 1:30 He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

Eph 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

Eph 1:14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

Col 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Heb 9:15 For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

Heb 11:35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

τὴν ἄφεσιν τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν - 2x in NT - *the forgiveness of sins*

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Col 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

ἄφεσιν - 17x in NT - *to remove the guilt resulting from wrongdoing - `to pardon, to forgive, forgiveness.' or - the process of setting free or liberating*

Mt 26:28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Mr 1:4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mr 3:29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"--

Lu 1:77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

Lu 3:3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

Lu 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

Lu 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

Lu 24:47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Ac 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Ac 5:31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Ac 10:43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Ac 13:38 Let it be known to you therefore, my brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you;

Ac 26:18 to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

Eph 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

Col 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Heb 9:22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Heb 10:18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

ἄμαρτιῶν - 64x in Paul all but 16x in Romans, only 1x in Colossians

1:15

ὅς ἐστιν εἰκὼν τοῦ θεοῦ τοῦ ἀοράτου, πρωτότοκος πάσης κτίσεως,
He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation;

εἰκὼν -23x in NT - *an object (not necessarily threedimensional) which has been formed to resemble a person, god, animal, etc. - or - that which has the same form as something else - or - that which represents something else in terms of basic form and features*

Mt 22:20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?"

Mr 12:16 And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's."

Lu 20:24 "Show me a denarius. Whose head and whose title does it bear?" They said, "The emperor's."

Ro 1:23 and they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling a mortal human being or birds or four-footed animals or reptiles.

Ro 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

1Co 11:7 For a man ought not to have his head veiled, since he is the image and reflection of God; but woman is the reflection of man.

1Co 15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

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2Co 3:18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

2Co 4:4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

Col 3:10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

Heb 10:1 Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered year after year, make perfect those who approach.

Re 13:14 and by the signs that it is allowed to perform on behalf of the beast, it deceives the inhabitants of earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that had been wounded by the sword and yet lived;

Re 13:15 [3x] and it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast could even speak and cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Re 14:9 Then another angel, a third, followed them, crying with a loud voice, "Those who worship the beast and its image, and receive a mark on their foreheads or on their hands,

Re 14:11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image and for anyone who receives the mark of its name."

Re 15:2 And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands.

Re 16:2 So the first angel went and poured his bowl on the earth, and a foul and painful sore came on those who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped its image.

Re 19:20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed in its presence the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

Re 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them were given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and for the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

ἀοράτου - 5x in NT - *pertaining to that which cannot be seen*

Ro 1:20 Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. So they are without excuse;

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

Col 1:16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him.

1Ti 1:17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Heb 11:27 By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible.

εἰκῶν τοῦ θεοῦ - 2x in NT - *image of God* -

2Cor 4:4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the likeness of God.

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation;

τοῦ θεοῦ τοῦ ἀοράτου - NT Hapax, and No LXX, however elsewhere in Greek literature - *God the unseen* -

Ctesias Hist. et Med [5th Cent BC] Work 002, 3c,688,F.1b.618

7Υ τὸ δὲ μηδ' ὑφ' ἐνός τῶν ἔξωθεν θεωρεῖσθαι τῆς μὲν [ἀληθοῦς] περὶ αὐτὸν τρυφῆς ἄγνοιαν παρείχετο πᾶσι, καθάπερ δὲ θεὸν ἀόρατον διὰ τὸν φόβον ἕκαστος οὐδὲ λόγῳ βλασφημεῖν ἐτόλμα· στρατηγούς δὲ καὶ σατράπας καὶ διοικητάς, ἔτι δὲ δικαστάς καθ' ἕκαστον ἔθνος ἀποδείξας, καὶ ἄλλα πάντα διατάξας

Philo Judaeus Phil [1st Cent BC]

Cher 101.2 οἶκον οὖν ἐπίγειον τὴν ἀόρατον ψυχὴν τοῦ ἀοράτου θεοῦ λέγοντες ἐνδίκως καὶ κατὰ νόμον φήσομεν.

QEx 2.37.1 Οὐδεὶς ἀυχήσει τὸν ἀόρατον θεὸν ἰδεῖν, εἷξας ἀλαζονεία.

Diodorus Siculus Hist. Work 001, 2.21.7.3

τὸ δὲ μηδ' ὑφ' ἐνός τῶν ἔξωθεν θεωρεῖσθαι τῆς μὲν περὶ αὐτὸν τρυφῆς ἄγνοιαν παρείχετο πᾶσι, καθάπερ δὲ θεὸν ἀόρατον διὰ τὸν φόβον ἕκαστος οὐδὲ λόγῳ βλασφημεῖν ἐτόλμα. στρατηγούς

Clemens Romanus Theol. et C -Die Pseudoklementinen I. Homilien

3.36.3.4 βασιλεῖς ὀρίζειν, νόμους τάσσειν, δικάζειν, θεὸν ἀόρατον νοεῖν, ἀγγέλων ὀνόματα γνωρίζειν, δαίμονας ἀπελαύνειν, νόσους φαρμακείαις πειρᾶσθαι παύειν,

11.4.1.1 Θεοῦ τοῦ ἀοράτου ἔστὲ εἰκῶν. ὅθεν οἱ εὐσεβεῖν βουλόμενοι μὴ τὰ εἰδῶλα

13.17.1.3 ὅτι ἢ θεὸν μὴ φοβουμένη οὐδὲ τὸν ἄνδρα φοβεῖται. ἐὰν θεὸν τὸν ἀόρατα βλέποντα μὴ φοβῆται, πῶς τὴν ἀόρατον προαίρεσιν σωφρονήσει;

[also a number of latter authors: Clemens Alexandrinus Theol. Apocalypsis Joannis Epistula ad Diognetum Hermas Scr. Eccl. Irenaeus Theol. Theophilus Apol. Origenes Theol. Pseudo-Justinus Martyr Hippolytus Scr. Eccl.]

πρωτότοκος -8x in NT - *pertaining to being a firstborn child (normal? in contexts speaking of people but also used in reference to domestic animals) - or - pertaining to existing prior to something else - or - pertaining to existing superior to all else of the same or related class*

Lu 2:7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Ro 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

Col 1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

Heb 1:6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Heb 11:28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Heb 12:23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

Re 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

πάσης κτίσεως - 2x in NT - *all creation* -

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation;

Col 1:23 provided that you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which has been preached to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

κτίσεως - 19x in NT - *to make or create something which has not existed before - or - that which has been created - or - the universe as the product of God's activity in creation - or - (derivative of κτίζω to create,) a human institution or social structure as something which has been created - or - an instituted authority, with the implication that such an authority has been created or formed*

Mr 10:6 But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'

Mr 13:19 For in those days there will be suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, no, and never will be.

Mr 16:15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

Ro 1:20 Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. So they are without excuse;

Ro 1:25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Ro 8:19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

Ro 8:20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

Ro 8:21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Ro 8:22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

Ro 8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2Co 5:17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Ga 6:15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

Col 1:23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

Heb 4:13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Heb 9:11 But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation),

1Pe 2:13 For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme,

2Pe 3:4 and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since our ancestors died, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!"

Re 3:14 "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God's creation:

1:16

ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ ἐκτίσθη τὰ πάντα ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὰ ὄρατα καὶ τὰ ἀόρατα, εἴτε θρόνοι εἴτε κυριότητες εἴτε ἀρχαὶ εἴτε ἐξουσίαι· τὰ πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ καὶ εἰς αὐτὸν ἔκτισται·

for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him.

ἐν αὐτῷ - dative 3ms -22x in Paul, 8x in Colossians - *in him* -

1:16 for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him.

1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

1:19 For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell,

2:6 As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him,

2:7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

2:9 For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily,

2:10 and you have come to fulness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

2:15 He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.

ἐκτίσθη - 10x in Paul - [here: aorist passive indicative]- *to create*

Ro 1:25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

1Co 11:9 Neither was man created for the sake of woman, but woman for the sake of man.

Eph 2:10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Eph 2:15 He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in

place of the two, thus making peace,

Eph 3:9 and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;

Eph 4:24 and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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Col 3:10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

1Ti 4:3 They forbid marriage and demand abstinence from foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

τὰ πάντα - [nomnative] 13x in NT, 9x in Paul - *all things*

1Cor 8:6 [2x] yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

1Cor 12:19 If all were a single organ, where would the body be?

1Cor 15:28 [2x] When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to every one.

Col 1:16 [2x] for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him.

Col 1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Col 3:11 Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scyth'ian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς - 47x in NT, 4x in Paul - *in the heavens*

2Cor 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Col 1:5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel

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Col 1:20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς - 73x in NT, 7x in Paul - *upon the earth* -

Romans 9:28 for the Lord will execute his sentence upon the earth with rigor and dispatch."

Eph 1:10 as a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Eph 6:3 "that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth."

Col 1:16 for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him.

Col 1:20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Col 3:2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Col 3:5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Matt 6:19, Matt 9:6, Matt 10:29, Matt 10:34, Matt 13:8, Matt 14:34, Matt 15:35, Matt 16:19, Matt 16:19, Matt 18:18, Matt 18:18, Matt 18:19, Matt 23:9, Matt 23:35, Matt 28:18, Mark 2:10, Mark 4:1, Mark 4:20, Mark 4:26, Mark 4:31, Mark 4:31, Mark 6:47, Mark 6:53, Mark 8:6, Mark 9:3, Mark 9:20, Mark 14:35, Luke 5:11, Luke 5:24, Luke 6:49, Luke 8:27, Luke 12:49, Luke 18:8, Luke 21:23, Luke 21:25, Luke 22:44, John 6:21, John 17:4, Acts 2:19, Acts 9:4, Acts 10:11, Acts 27:43, Acts 27:44, Romans 9:28, Eph 1:10, Eph 6:3, Col 1:16, Col 1:20, Col 3:2, Col 3:5, Heb 11:13, James 5:5, James 5:17, Rev 3:10, Rev 5:3, Rev 5:10, Rev 5:13, Rev 6:10, Rev 7:1, Rev 8:13, Rev 10:2, Rev 10:5, Rev 10:8, Rev 11:10, Rev 11:10, Rev 13:8, Rev 13:14, Rev 13:14, Rev 14:6, Rev 14:16, Rev 16:18, Rev 17:8, Rev 18:24,

ὄρατα - NT Hapax - *visible*

ἀόρατα - 5x in NT - *invisible* -

Romans 1:20 Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse;

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation;

Col 1:16 for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him.

1Tim 1:17 To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Heb 11:27 By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king; for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

θρόνοι - Occuring 62x in the NT, but only 8x in plural

Mt 19:28 Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Lu 1:52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

Lu 22:30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Col 1:16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him.

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Re 11:16 Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God,

Re 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them were given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and for the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

κυριότητες -4x in NT - (derivative of κύριος one who rules,) a supernatural ruling power - or -(a figurative extension of meaning of θρόνος throne): (titles for supernatural forces and powers) a supernatural power having some particular role in controlling the destiny and activities of human beings

Eph 1:21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

Col 1:16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him.

2Pe 2:10 --especially those who indulge their flesh in depraved lust, and who despise authority. Bold and willful, they are not afraid to slander the glorious ones,

Jude 1:8 Yet in the same way these dreamers also defile the flesh, reject authority, and slander the glorious ones.

ἀρχαὶ - 50x in NT, 10x in Paul - a. beginning (aspect) b. beginning (time) c. first cause d. sphere of authority e. ruler f. supernatural power g. elementary aspect h corner

Ro 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 1Co 15:24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.

Eph 1:21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

Eph 3:10 so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Col 1:16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him.

Col 1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

Col 2:10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

Col 2:15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Tit 3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,

ἐξουσία -27x in Paul -authority

Ro 9:21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one object for special use and another for ordinary use?

Ro 13:1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.

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Ro 13:2 Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

Ro 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval;

1Co 7:37 But if someone stands firm in his resolve, being under no necessity but having his own desire under control, and has determined in his own mind to keep her as his fiancée, he will do well.

1Co 8:9 But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.
 1Co 9:4 Do we not have the right to our food and drink?
 1Co 9:5 Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?
 1Co 9:6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living?
 1Co 9:12 If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.
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 1Co 9:18 What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.
 1Co 11:10 For this reason a woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.
 1Co 15:24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.
 2Co 10:8 Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it.
 2Co 13:10 So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.
 Eph 1:21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.
 Eph 2:2 in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.
 Eph 3:10 so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
 Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
 Col 1:13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,
 Col 1:16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him.
 Col 2:10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.
 Col 2:15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.
 2Th 3:9 This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.
 Tit 3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,

δι' αὐτοῦ - 21x in NT, 10x in Paul [genitive 3rd mas sing] - *through him* -

Romans 5:9 Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
 Romans 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.
 1Cor 8:6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.
 2Cor 1:20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God.
 2Cor 12:17 Did I take advantage of you through any of those whom I sent to you?
 Eph 2:18 for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.
 Col 1:16 for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him.
 Col 1:20 [2x] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
 Col 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

εἰς αὐτὸν - 38x in NT, 8x in Paul [accusative 3rd mas sing] - *in him* -

Romans 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.
 1Cor 8:6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.
 2Cor 2:8 So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him.
 Eph 1:5 He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,
 Eph 4:15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,
 Phil 1:29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,
 Col 1:16 for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him.
 Col 1:20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

ἔκτισται - perfect passive indicative of this verb a NT Hapax - any form- 3x in Colossians 2x here and 3:10 - *to create* -

1:17

καὶ αὐτός ἐστιν πρὸ πάντων καὶ τὰ πάντα ἐν αὐτῷ συνέστηκεν,
He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

πρὸ πάντων - 3x in NT - *before all things* -

Col 1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

James 5:12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath, but let your yes be yes and your no be no, that you may not fall under condemnation.

1Peter 4:8 Above all hold unfailing your love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins.

τὰ πάντα - see vs 16

ἐν αὐτῷ - 72x in NT, 22x in Paul, 7x in Colossians - *in him*

1:16 for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him.

1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

1:19 For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell,

2:6 As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him,

2:7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

2:9 For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily,

2:10 and you have come to fulness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

2:15 He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.

συνέστηκεν - 16x in NT - *to indicate approval of a person or event, with the implication that others adopt the same attitude - or - to cause something to be known by action - or - to bring together or hold together something in its proper or appropriate place or relationship*

Lu 9:32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Ro 3:5 But if our injustice serves to confirm the justice of God, what should we say? That God is unjust to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.)

Ro 5:8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Ro 16:1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae,

2Co 3:1 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we?

2Co 4:2 We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

2Co 5:12 We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart.

2Co 6:4 but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,

2Co 7:11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves guiltless in the matter.

2Co 10:12 We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another, and compare themselves with one another, they do not show good sense.

2Co 10:18 For it is not those who commend themselves that are approved, but those whom the Lord commends.

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2Co 12:11 I have been a fool! You forced me to it. Indeed you should have been the ones commending me, for I am not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing.

Ga 2:18 But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor.

Col 1:17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

2Pe 3:5 They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water,

1:18

καὶ αὐτός ἐστιν ἡ κεφαλὴ τοῦ σώματος τῆς ἐκκλησίας· ὅς ἐστιν ἀρχή, πρωτότοκος ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, ἵνα γένηται ἐν πᾶσιν αὐτὸς πρωτεύων,

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

κεφαλὴ -19x in Paul -*head*

Ro 12:20 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

1Co 11:3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the husband is the head of his wife, and God is the head of Christ.

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1Co 11:4 Any man who prays or prophesies with something on his head disgraces his head,

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1Co 11:5 but any woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled disgraces her head--it is one and the same thing as having her head shaved.

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1Co 11:7 For a man ought not to have his head veiled, since he is the image and reflection of God; but woman is the reflection of man.

1Co 11:10 For this reason a woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

1Co 12:21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

Eph 1:22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior.

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Col 1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

Col 2:10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

Col 2:19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

ἡ κεφαλὴ τοῦ σώματος - not precisely equivalent, but close - *head of the body*

Eph 5:23 ὅτι ἀνὴρ ἐστὶν κεφαλὴ τῆς γυναικὸς ὡς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς κεφαλὴ τῆς ἐκκλησίας, αὐτὸς σωτὴρ τοῦ σώματος· For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Col 2:19 καὶ οὐ κρατῶν τὴν κεφαλὴν, ἐξ οὗ πᾶν τὸ σῶμα διὰ τῶν ἀφῶν καὶ συνδέσμων ἐπιχορηγούμενον καὶ συμβιβάζομενον ἀΐξει τὴν ἀΐξιν τοῦ θεοῦ. and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

σῶματος - 91x in Paul, 8x in Colossians

1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

1:22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him--

1:24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.

2:11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

2:17 These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

2:19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

2:23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-imposed piety, humility, and severe treatment of the body, but they are of no value in checking self-indulgence.

3:15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

τῆς ἐκκλησίας - with article 78x in NT, 18x in Acts, 45x in Paul, 15x in 1Corinthians, 2x in Colossians
- *the assembly* - without article 2x in Colossians * -

1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

1:24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

*4:15 Give my greetings to the brethren at La-odice'a, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

*4:16 And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the La-odice'ans; and see that you read also the letter from La-odice'a.

ἐκκλησίας - 114x in NT, 23x in Acts, 62x in Paul, 5x Rom, 22x 1Cor, 9x 2Cor, 3x Gal, 9x Eph, 2x Phil, 2x 1Th 2x 2Th, 3x 1it, 1x Phl. 4x Colossians -

1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

1:24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.

4:15 Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

4:16 And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea.

ἀρχη - cf v.16

πρωτότοκος - cf v.15

ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν - 3x in NT - *from the dead* -

Eph 5:14 Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."

Col 1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

1Thess 1:10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

γένηται - aorist subjunctive mid/dep -

ἐν πᾶσιν - 11x in NT - *in all things*

1Cor 15:28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to every one.

2Cor 11:6 Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not in knowledge; in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.

Eph 1:23 which is his body, the fulness of him who fills all in all.

Eph 6:16 besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.

Phil 4:12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want.

Col 1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

1Tim 3:11 The women likewise must be serious, no slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things.

2Tim 2:7 Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything.

Titus 2:9 Bid slaves to be submissive to their masters and to give satisfaction in every respect; they are not to be refractory,

Heb 13:18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.

1Peter 4:11 whoever speaks, as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

πρωτεύων - NT hapax - 3x in LXX - *to be in the first position, with the implication of high rank and prominence* -

Esth 5:11 And Haman recounted to them the splendor of his riches, the number of his sons, all the promotions with which the king had honored him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and the servants of the king.

2Mac 6:18 Eleazar, one of the scribes in high position, a man now advanced in age and of noble presence, was being forced to open his mouth to eat swine's flesh.

2Mac 13:15 He gave his men the watchword, "God's victory," and with a picked force of the bravest young men, he attacked the king's pavilion at night and slew as many as two thousand men in the camp. He stabbed the leading elephant and its rider.

1:19

ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ εὐδόκησεν πᾶν τὸ πλήρωμα κατοικῆσαι

For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell,

ἐν αὐτῷ - 8x in Colossians - see v.16

εὐδόκησεν -21x in NT, 11x in Paul - *to be pleased with something or someone, with the implication of resulting pleasure -to take pleasure in something in that it fulfills one's desires - to think of something as being good, better, or preferable -*

Ro 15:26 for Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to share their resources with the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.

Ro 15:27 They were pleased to do this, and indeed they owe it to them; for if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material things.

1Co 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

1Co 10:5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

2Co 5:8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

2Co 12:10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Ga 1:15 But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased

Col 1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

1Th 2:8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

1Th 3:1 Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we decided to be left alone in Athens;

2Th 2:12 so that all who have not believed the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned.

εὐδόκησεν πᾶν - NT Hapax -

πλήρωμα -71x in NT, 12 x in Paul

Ro 11:12 Now if their stumbling means riches for the world, and if their defeat means riches for Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

Ro 11:25 So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

Ro 13:10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Ro 15:29 and I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

1Co 10:26 for "the earth and its fullness are the Lord's."

Ga 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Eph 1:10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Eph 1:23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Eph 3:19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Eph 4:13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Col 1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

Col 2:9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

κατοικῆσαι - *aorist active infinitive* - 44x in NT, 3x in Paul

Eph 3:17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

Col 1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

Col 2:9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

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καὶ δι' αὐτοῦ ἀποκαταλλάξαι τὰ πάντα εἰς αὐτόν, εἰρηνοποιήσας διὰ τοῦ αἵματος τοῦ σταυροῦ αὐτοῦ, [δι' αὐτοῦ] εἴτε τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς εἴτε τὰ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς.

and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

δι' αὐτοῦ - 4x in Colossians, see v.16

ἀποκαταλλάξαι -3x in NT

Eph 2:16 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

Col 1:20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Col 1:22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him--

τὰ πάντα - accusative -22x in NT - *everything* -

Acts 17:25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all men life and breath and everything.

Romans 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?

1Cor 2:15 The spiritual man judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.

1Cor 12:6 and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.

1Cor 15:27 "For God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection under him," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things under him.

1Cor 15:28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to every one.

Gal 3:22 But the scripture consigned all things to sin, that what was promised to faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Eph 1:10 as a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Eph 1:11 In him, according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will,

Eph 1:23 which is his body, the fulness of him who fills all in all.

Eph 3:9 and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;

Eph 4:10 He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Eph 4:15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

Phil 3:8 Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ

Phil 3:21 who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Col 1:20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Col 3:8 But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth.

1Tim 6:13 In the presence of God who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession,

Heb 1:3 He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Heb 2:8 [2x] putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.

Rev 4:11 "Worthy art thou, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou didst create all things, and by thy will they existed and were created."

εἰς αὐτόν - 3x in Colossians, see v.16

εἰρηνοποιήσας - NT Hapax & LXX Hapax

Prov 10:10 ὁ ἐννεύων ὀφθαλμοῖς μετὰ δόλου συνάγει ἀνδράσι λύπας ὁ δὲ ἐλέγχων μετὰ παρρησίας εἰρηνοποιεῖ
Pr 10:10 Whoever winks the eye causes trouble, but the one who rebukes boldly makes peace.

διὰ τοῦ αἵματος - 4x in NT - *through the blood* -

Acts 20:28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son.

Eph 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

Col 1:20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Rev 12:11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

αἵματος - 12x in Paul

Ro 3:15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

Ro 3:25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed;

Ro 5:9 Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

1Co 10:16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

1Co 11:25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

1Co 11:27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body

and blood of the Lord.

1Co 15:50 What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Ga 1:16 to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being,

Eph 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Col 1:20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

σταυρου - 10x in Paul

1Co 1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

1Co 1:18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Ga 5:11 But my friends, why am I still being persecuted if I am still preaching circumcision? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed.

Ga 6:12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised--only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

Ga 6:14 May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Eph 2:16 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

Php 2:8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.

Php 3:18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.

Col 1:20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Col 2:14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς - 4x in Colossians, see v.16

ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς - 3x in Colossians see v.16