

# Colossians Series

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A landscape photograph showing a field of bare trees in the foreground, a rolling hill in the middle ground, and a range of mountains in the background under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **COLOSSIANS:**

## **Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

**How Does *Your*  
Spiritual Garden Grow?**  
**Colossians 2:4–7**

**Mary, Mary, quite contrary,  
How does your garden grow?  
With silver bells, and cockle shells,  
And pretty maids all in a row.**

**Colossians 1:6, “which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, and increasing, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;”**

**Colossians 2:4, “Now this I say lest anyone should [deceive] you with persuasive words.**

**Colossians 2:5, “though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.**

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**εἰ if, though, since  
1<sup>st</sup> class condition**

**Assumes the truth of the  
conditional clause.**

**Idiom for a concessive clause  
“although,” assuming the event  
is real.**

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**1 Corinthians 14:33,**

**“For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.”**

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**στερέωμα *steréōma*;  
In the NT, “stability, firmness, steadfastness (Col. 2:5).”**

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**εἰς Χριστὸν**

**τάξις τῆς πίστεως εἰς Χριστὸν**

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**in sequence**

**succession**

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**order, proper procedure**

**Expresses the object of faith—  
Christ**

**ῥεῶμα;**

**firmness, firmness,  
(Col. 2:5).”**

**“the steadfast order of your  
faith”**

**If the apostle Paul were writing you, would He be thankful that you have an orderly, organized and stable Christian life?**

**2 Peter 1:5, “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,**

**2 Peter 1:6, “to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,**

**2 Peter 1:7, “to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.**

**2 Peter 1:8, “For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**



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