

# Colossians Series

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A landscape photograph showing a field of dark, tilled earth in the foreground, with a line of bare trees in the middle ground, and a range of mountains in the background under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

**COLOSSIANS:**  
**Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

**The Christian Work Ethic**  
**Colossians 3:22–25; Ephesians 6:1–4**

**Col. 3:22, “Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.**

**Col. 3:23, “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,**

**Col. 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.**

**Col. 3:25, “But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.**

**Col. 4:1, “Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.”**

**Eph. 6:5, “Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;**

**Eph. 6:6, “not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,**

**Eph. 6:7, “with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men,**

**Eph. 6:8, “knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.**

**Eph. 6:9, “And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.”**

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**ὑπακούω *hupakouō***

**pres act impera 2 plur**

**to obey; to hear, listen**

**Phil. 2:5, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,**

**Phil. 2:6, “who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,**

**Phil. 2:7, “but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.**

**Phil. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.**

**Phil. 2:9, “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,**

**Phil. 2:10, “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,**

**Phil. 2:11, “and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”**

**Heb. 5:8, “though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.”**

**1 Pet. 2:18, “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.**

**1 Pet. 2:19, “For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.**

**1 Pet. 2:20, “For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.”**

**1 Pet. 2:21, “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:**

**1 Pet. 2:22, “Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth;**

**1 Pet. 2:23, “who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;**

**1 Pet. 2:24, “who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.**

**1 Pet. 2:25, “For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”**

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**Eph. 6:5b, “in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;”**

**ἀπλότης *haplotēs*,  
Integrity, uprightness**

**Col. 3:23, “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,”**

**“from the soul”**

**with proper  
motivations**

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**literally**

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