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***Present every man
complete in Christ***

**We proclaim Him,
admonishing every man
and teaching every man
with all wisdom, so that we
may present every man
complete in Christ.**

Colossians 1:28

Teleios (teleo) = Be complete

***having reached its end,
completed the journey,
baked the perfect pie,
having grown up to maturity***

Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondslave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand **perfect** and fully assured in all the will of God.

Colossians 4:12

**And He gave some as apostles,
and some as prophets, and some
as evangelists, and some as
pastors and teachers, for the
equipping of the saints for the
work of service, to the building
up of the body of Christ**

Ephesians 4:11-12

until we all attain to
the unity of the faith, and of
the knowledge of the Son of God,
to a **mature** man, to the measure
of the stature which belongs to
the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:13

**For those whom He foreknew,
He also predestined
to become conformed
to the image of His Son**

Romans 8:29

For I am confident of this
very thing, that He who
began a good work in you
will perfect it until the day
of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

What has God done?

Qualified us as heirs vs 12

Rescued us from darkness vs 13

Transferred us to His Kingdom

Reconciled us to Himself vs 22

Presents us holy, blameless

**We are
Complete in Christ**

if indeed you continue in the faith
firmly established and steadfast,
and not moved away from the
hope of the gospel that you have
heard, which was proclaimed in
all creation under heaven,
and of which I, Paul,
was made ***a minister.***

Colossians 1:23

Now I rejoice in my
sufferings for your sake,
and in my flesh I do my
share on behalf of His body,
which is the church,
in filling up what is lacking
in Christ's *afflictions*.

Colossians 1:24

We ***proclaim*** Him,
admonishing every man
and ***teaching*** every man
with all wisdom, so that we
may ***present*** every man
complete in Christ.

Colossians 1:28

For this purpose also I **labor**,
striving according to **His power**,
which mightily works within me.

Colossians 1:29

Paul's Message

Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the **word of God**,
Colossians 1:25

Paul's Message

that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints,

Colossians 1:26

Paul's Message

to whom God willed to make
known what is the riches
of the glory of this mystery
among the Gentiles, which is
Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:27

**Test yourselves to see
if you are in the faith;
examine yourselves!
Or do you not recognize
this about yourselves, that
*Jesus Christ is in you***

2 Corinthians 13:5

Christ in You

I am the vine,
you are the branches;
he who abides in Me and I in him,
he bears much fruit,
for apart from Me
you can do nothing.

John 15:5

Christ in You

**I can do all things through Him
who strengthens me.**

Philippians 4:13

Christ in You

Now to Him who is able to do
far more abundantly beyond
all that we ask or think,
according to the power that

works within us

Ephesians 3:20

Christ in You

For this purpose also I labor,
striving ***according to His power,
which mightily works within me.***

Colossians 1:29

Now may the God of peace
Himself sanctify you entirely; and
may your spirit and soul and body
be preserved **complete**,
without blame at the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithful is He who calls you,
and He also will bring it to pass.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

**I count all things to be loss in
view of the surpassing value of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,
for whom I have suffered the loss
of all things, and count them but
rubbish so that I may gain Christ,**

Philippians 3:8

**and may be found in Him,
not having a righteousness
of my own derived from the Law,
but that which is through
faith in Christ, the righteousness
which comes from God
on the basis of faith,**

Philippians 3:9

**that I may know Him and the
power of His resurrection and the
fellowship of His sufferings,
being conformed to His death;
in order that I may attain to the
resurrection from the dead.**

Philippians 3:10-11

Not that I have already obtained it
or have already become *perfect*,
but I press on so that I may lay
hold of that for which also I was
laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12

**Brethren, I do not regard myself
as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting
what lies behind and reaching
forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the
prize of the upward call of God
in Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 3:13-14

Let us therefore, as many as are
perfect, have this attitude;
and if in anything you have
a different attitude,
God will reveal that also to you;
however, let us keep living
by that same standard
to which we have attained.

Philippians 3:15-16

What does God ask?

Believe what God has done vs 23

Firmly established

Steadfast

Not moved away from hope

Be intentional
in your pursuit of God
and responsiveness to Him

Good things
will happen in you