

Today's Theme

“Hold On...We're Rescued, Held Together & Inseparably Loved”

Colossians and Particle Physics

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1. Hold on to Grace and Peace

Colossians 1:1-2 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: **Grace** and **peace** to you from God our Father.

2. Hold on to Faith, Hope and Love

Colossians 1:3-8 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your **faith** in Christ Jesus and of the **love** you have for all God's people—the **faith** and **love** that spring from the **hope** stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

3. Hold on to Knowledge of God, Endurance and Patience

Colossians 1:9-12 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the **knowledge of God**, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great **endurance** and **patience**, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Why hold on?

4. God rescued us

Colossians 1:13-14 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

5. Jesus is Preeminent

Colossians 1:15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

6. Jesus Created all Things

Colossians 1:16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Genesis 1:3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

7. Jesus Holds every Atom and the Universe Together

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

8. Nothing Can Separate us from the Force of God's Love

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.