

Paul, His Life and Teachings

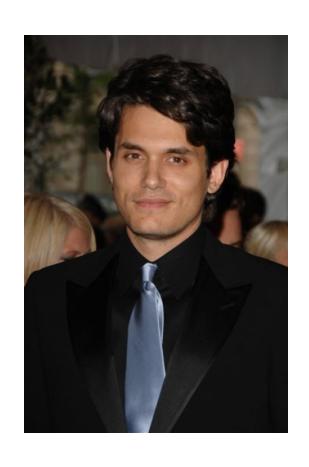
Paul's Letter to the Colossians

Lesson 32

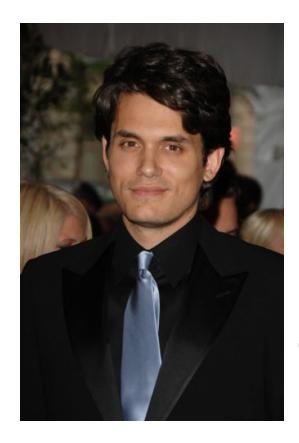
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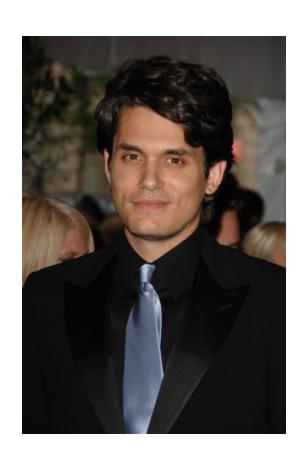




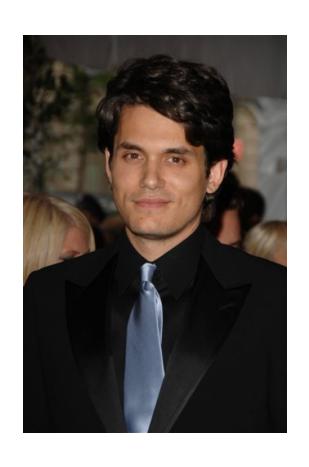
No I'm not color blind; I know the world is black and white. I try to keep an open mind, but I just can't sleep on this tonight. Stop this train. I want to get off and go home again. I can't take the speed it's moving in. I know I can't, but honestly, won't someone stop this train?



Don't know how else to say it; I don't want to see my parents go. One generation's length away from fighting life out on my own. Oh come on stop this train. I want to get off and go home again. I can't take the speed it's moving in. I know I can't, but honestly, won't someone stop this train?



I'm so scared of getting older; I'm only good at being young. So I play the numbers game to find a way to say my life has just begun. Had a talk with my old man. Said, "help me understand." He said, "Turn 68, you'll renegotiate. Don't stop this train. Don't for a minute change the place you're in. Don't think I couldn't ever understand. I tried my hand – tried honestly. We'll never stop this train."



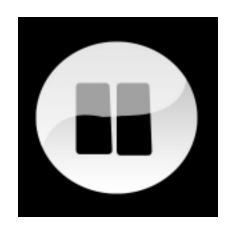
Once in a while when its good, it'll feel like it should – and they're all still around and you're still safe and sound and you don't miss a thing – till you cry when you're driving away in the dark singing, "Stop this train." You want to get off and go back again. I can't take the speed this thing is moving in. I know I can't, cause now I see... I'm never going to stop this train."

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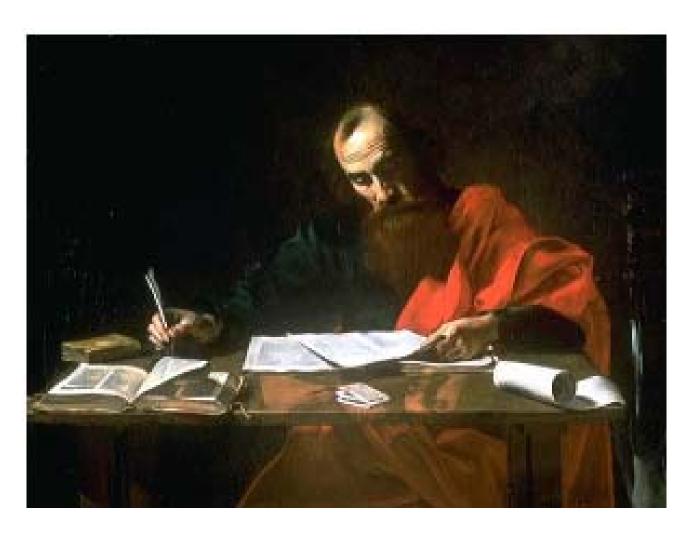
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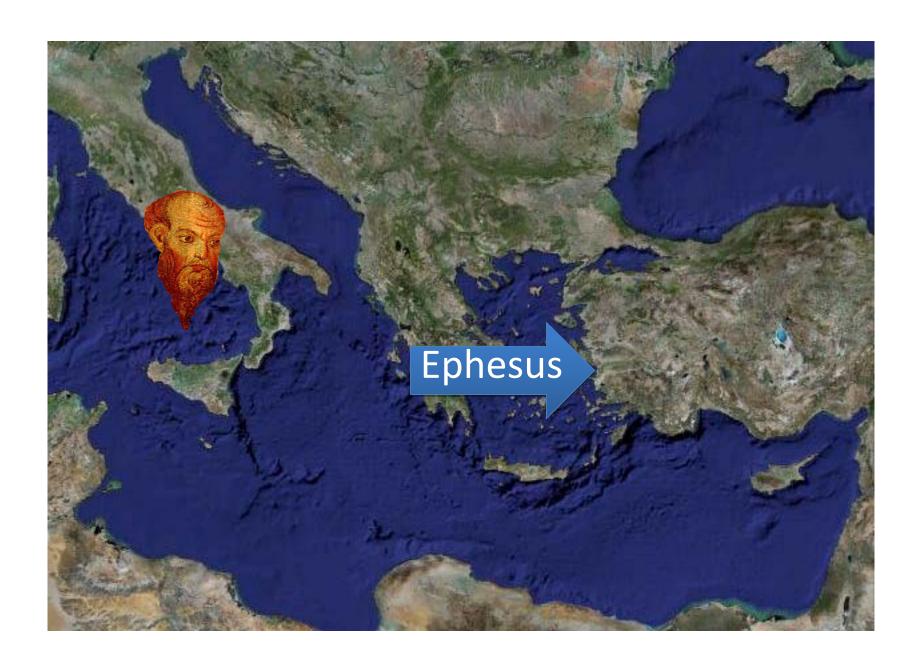


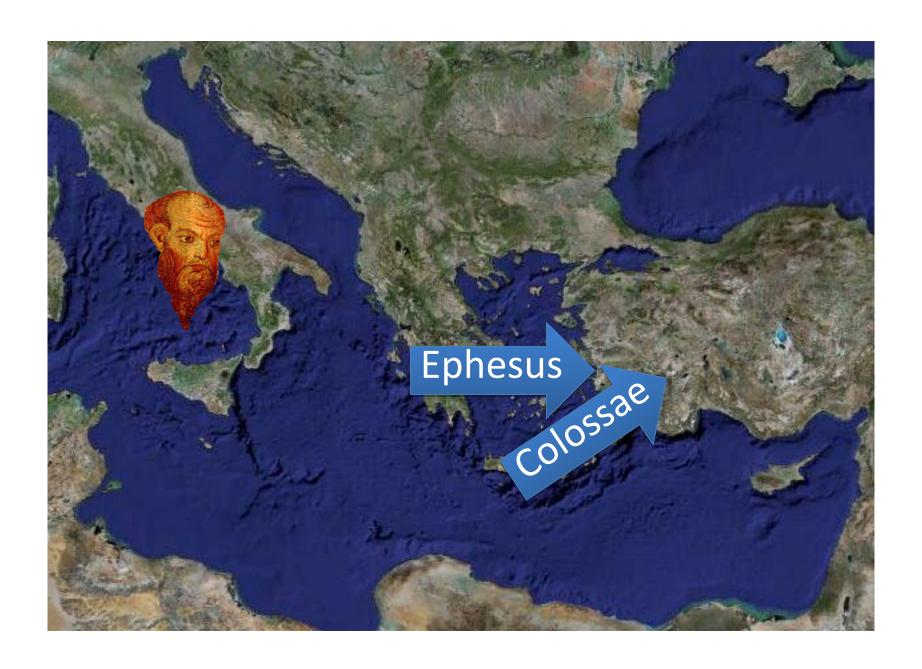
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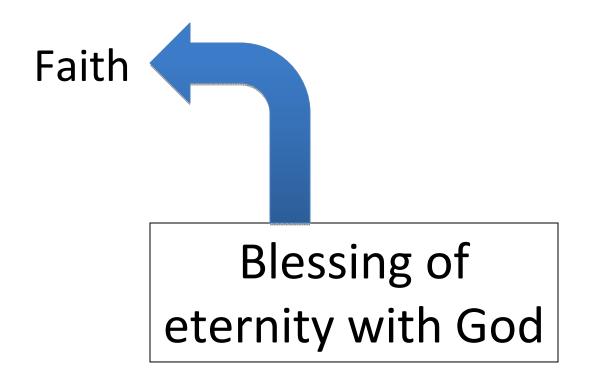


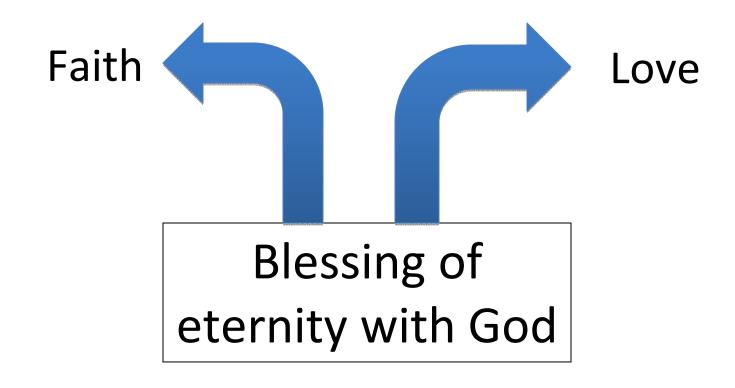
The "Twin Epistles"





Blessing of eternity with God





Paul wants their intimacy with God to grow



With greater intimacy (growth) comes greater works (fruit) for God



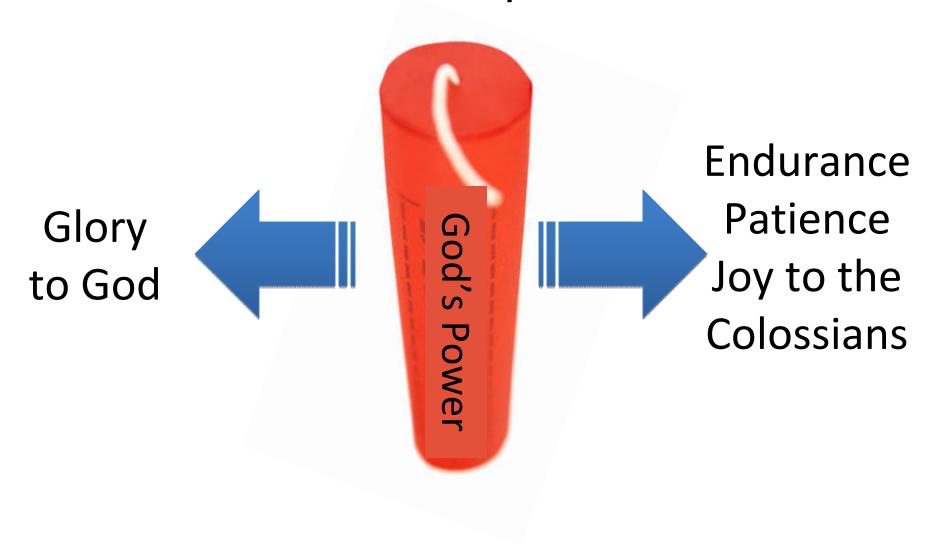
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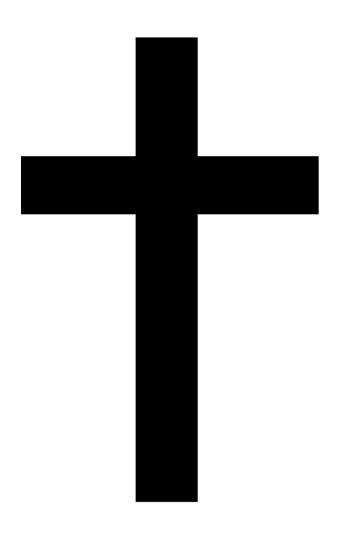
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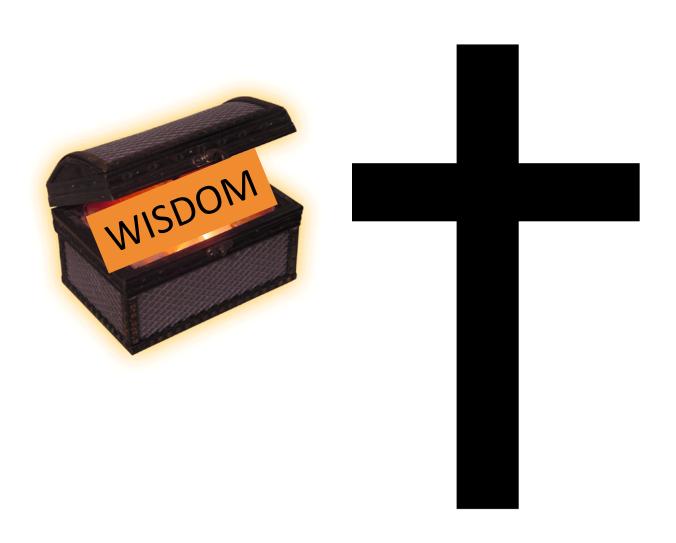
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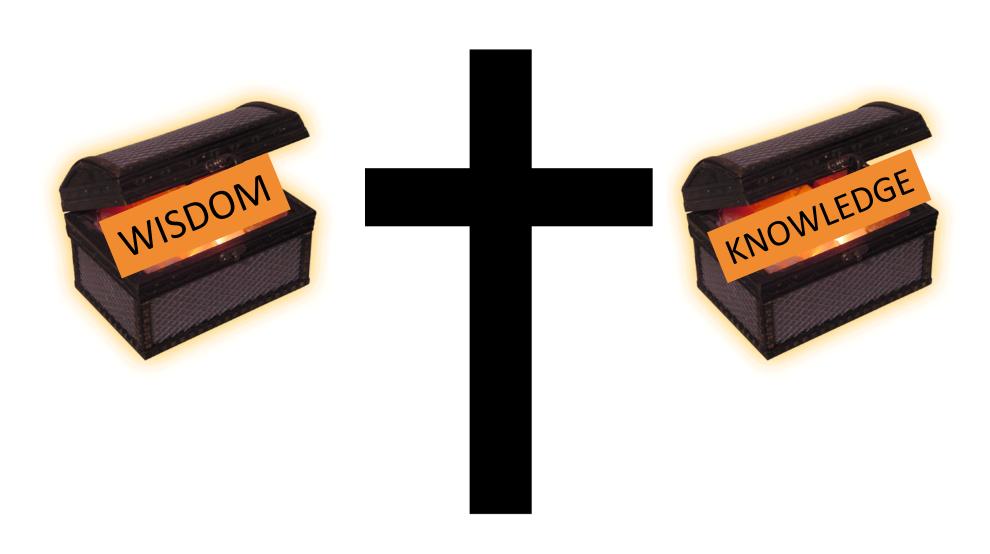
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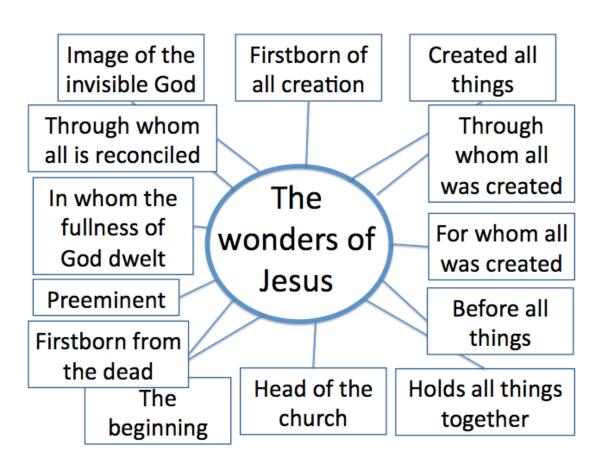


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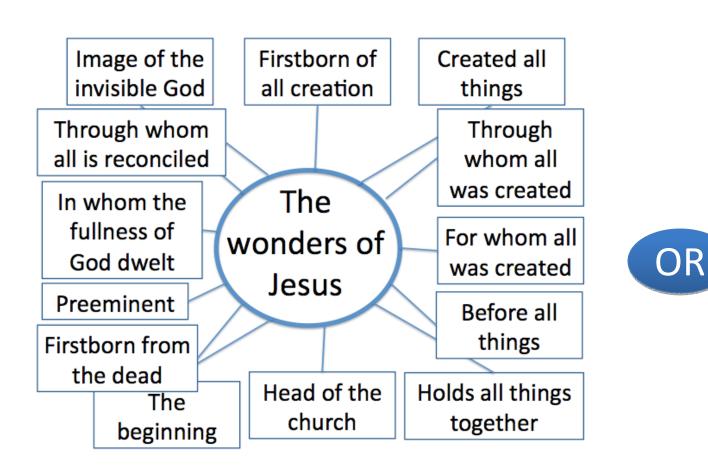


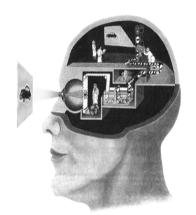
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Human Philosophy

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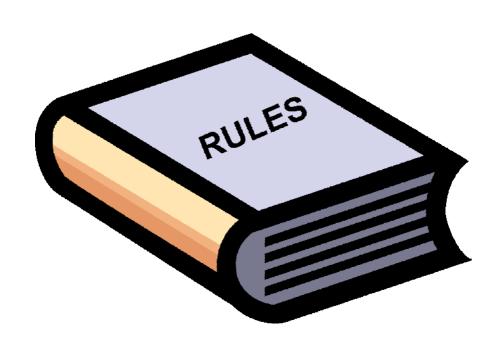


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Sexual immorality









Evil desire













Coveting















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Replace with



- Compassionate hearts
- Kindness
- Humility
- Meekness
- Patience

Everything















Make the best use of your time

Speech should be "seasoned with salt"

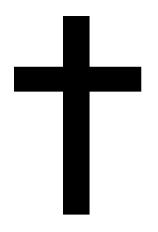


Paul closes with personal notes



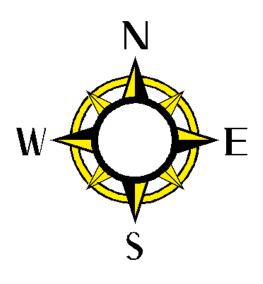
"faithful and beloved brother Onesimus"





"[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15)





"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:17)





"Walk in wisdom ... making the best use of time" (Col. 4:5)





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There is no stopping the train!