



KJV Colossians 1:11-20 *Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*

NEB Colossians 1:11-20 *May he strengthen you, in his glorious might, with ample power to meet whatever comes with fortitude, patience, and joy; ¹² and to give thanks [Or: with fortitude and patience, and to give joyful thanks ...] to the Father who has made you fit to share the heritage of God's people in the realm of light. He rescued us from the domain of darkness and brought us away into the kingdom of his dear Son in whom our release is secured and our sins forgiven. He is the image of the invisible God; his is the primacy over [Or: image of the invisible God, born before ...] all created things. In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, not only things visible but also the invisible orders of thrones, sovereignties, authorities, and powers: the whole universe has been created through him and for him. And he exists before everything, and all things are held together in him. He is, moreover, the head of the body, the church. He is its origin, the first to return from the dead, to be in all things alone supreme for in him the complete being of God, by God's own choice, came to dwell. Through him God chose to reconcile the whole universe to himself, making peace through the shedding of his blood upon the cross—to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, through him alone.*

1. We gather each week around - for - The Good News
2. The scriptural anchor is to hold us to the teaching of "The Witnesses."
3. The Witnesses are the enlightened, and sanctified original believers
 - a. They hold that Jesus was God's icon - image
 - b. That he is the "firstborn" (ΠΡΩΤΟΤΟΚΟΣ) origin of all that exists.

Hebrews 1:6 *And again, when he brings the first-born into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."*

Revelation 1:5 *and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood*

John 1:1-4 *In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God, for the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

4. Reconciliation: At-one-ment - the healing of the whole cosmos Romans 8:18-23; 28-39
5. The shedding of the blood of the Word on the cross.