



Colossians

series

Christ in you, the
hope of glory



**THE WRITER THE
GARDENER AND
THE BUILDER**

Colossians 2 v 1-7

Adrian

Colossians 2 v 1-4

The Message bible

I want you to realize that I continue to work as hard as I know how for you, and also for the Christians over at Laodicea. Not many of you have met me face-to-face, but that doesn't make any difference. Know that I'm on your side, right alongside you. You're not in this alone.

²⁻⁴ I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery. All the richest treasures of wisdom and knowledge are embedded in that mystery and nowhere else. And we've been shown the mystery! I'm telling you this because I don't want anyone leading you off on some wild-goose chase, after other so-called mysteries, or "the Secret."

Collosians 2 v 5-7

The Message bible

⁵ I'm a long way off, true, and you may never lay eyes on me, but believe me, I'm on your side, right beside you. I am delighted to hear of the careful and orderly ways you conduct your affairs, and impressed with the solid substance of your faith in Christ.

⁶⁻⁷ My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now *live* him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith.

Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start *living* it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.

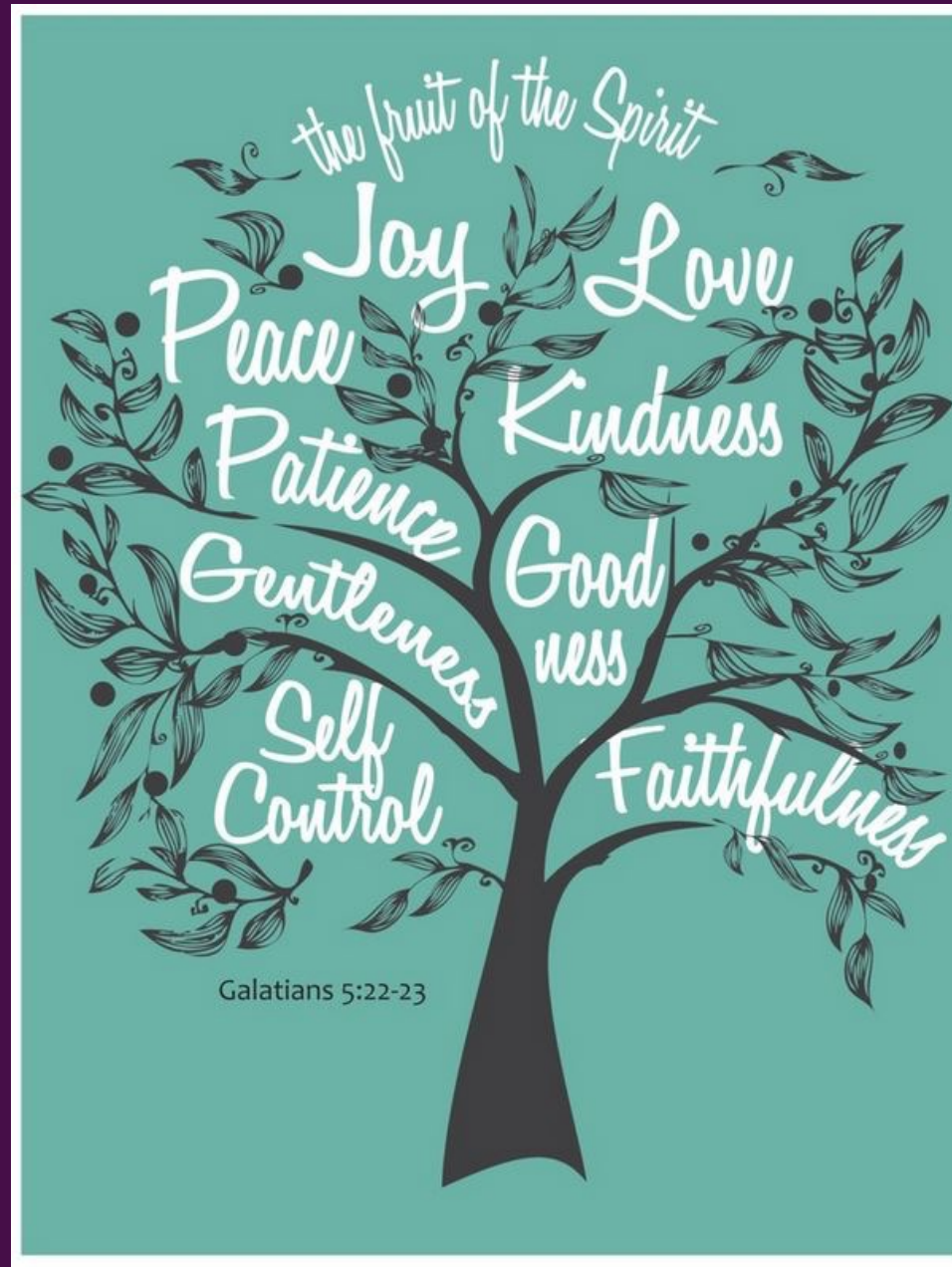
Instructions

- Writing to the church of Colossae
- As Christ writes to us present day through the word
- Starts with special instructions for the church
- 2 powerful images

Rooted

- The Benefit of roots
- Underground system communication trees
- Anchoring (stability) of the plant to the soil/ground/source
- Absorption and distribution of water and nutrients from the soil
- Storage of food
- Reproduction, regeneration and collaboration with other plants





Built up

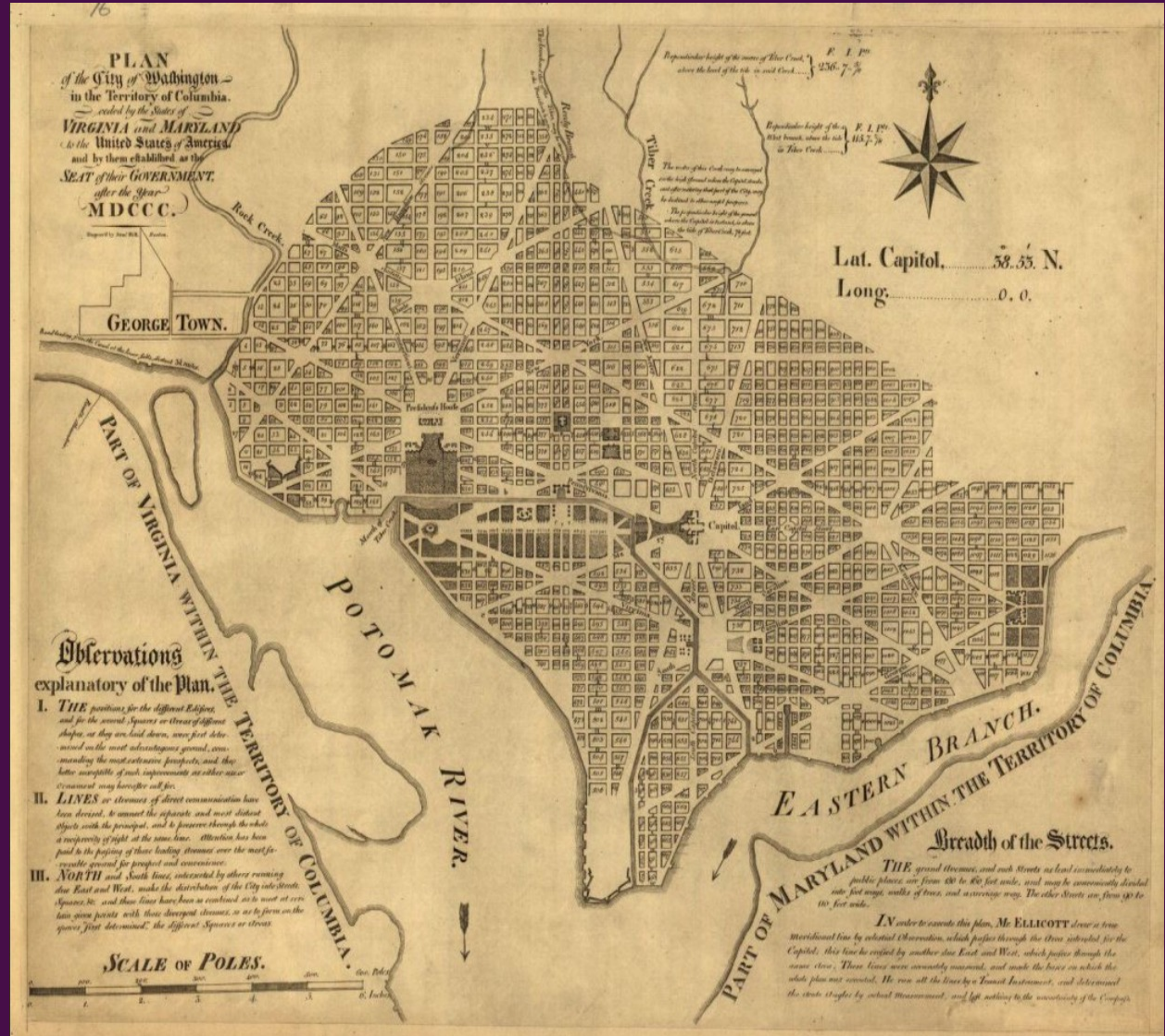
- **Process of Building**
- **Vision**
- **Design stage,**
- **Preparatory works, tear down, foundation,**
- **Build stage(works) full extent**
- **Surveyors, Engineers , Design, architect, fire**

- Faith without work
- Design team, parents mentors teachers friends family

KEY TAKEAWAY POINTS

- Ben's story
- What do we learn
- Seed to tree
- Design to building

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PRAYER OF SALVATION

Father God, I repent of all my sins. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and I believe that you raised Him from the dead. Thank you for your forgiveness, thank you for saving me and making me a member of your family. I pray this in Jesus name, AMEN!