

## EPHESIANS AND COLOSSIANS

Ephesians and Colossians are sister epistles in a unique way. While they are independent epistles and in no way an expansion or condensation one of the other, they have a closer connection than any two of Paul's epistles.

There are six passages which are the same, or nearly so:

Eph. 1:2 + Col. 1:2;	Eph. 3:2 + Col 1:25;
Eph 1:7 + Col. 1:14;	Eph 5:19 + Col. 3:16;
Eph 1:10 + Col 1:20;	Eph. 6:22 + Col 4:8.

There are four passages which have words and thoughts in common:

Eph. 1:19-2:5 + Col 2:12,13;	Eph. 4:22-25 + Col 3:8-10;
Eph. 4:2-4 + Col 3:12-15;	Eph. 6:1-9 + Col 3:20-4:1.

There are many passages with similar words or thoughts (but not necessarily in the same connection):

Eph. 1:15,16 + Col. 1:3,4;	Eph. 5:16 + Col 4:5;
Eph. 1:9 + Col 1:26-27;	Eph. 5:20 + Col 3:17;
Eph. 1:21 + Col 1:16;	Eph 5:22 + Col. 3:18;
Eph. 1:22 + Col. 1:18;	Eph. 5:25 + Col. 3:19;
Eph. 2:15, 16 + Col. 3:6-8;	Eph. 6:18-20 + Col. 4:2-4.

The following is a table of doctrinal parallels:

1.	Christ the Head of the Church	Eph 1:22; 4:5; 5:23 + Col. 1:18, 2:19
2.	Christ is supreme over angelic powers	Eph. 1:21 + Col. 2:10
3.	The Church Christ's Body	Eph. 1:23; 4:12; 5:23,30 etc. and Col. 1:18,24
4.	The nourishment of the body	Eph. 4:16 + Col. 2:19
5.	Growth of the Body	Eph. 4:16 + Col 2:19
6.	The Body one	Eph. 2:16; 4:4 + Col. 3:15
7.	Believers once dead in sins	Eph. 2:1,5 + Col 2:13
8.	Once alienated from God and grace	Eph. 2:12; 4:18 + Col. 2:21
9.	Once in darkness	Eph. 4:18; 5:8 + Col 1:13
10.	Now risen with Christ	Eph. 2:6 + Col 2:12; 3:1
11.	Made alive in Christ	Eph. 2:5 + Col 2:13
12.	Reconciled thru death of Christ	Eph. 2:13-16 + Col. 1:20,21
13.	Redeemed in Christ	Eph. 1:7 + Col 1:14
14.	In the light	Eph. 5:8-9 + Col 1:12
15.	Rooted in Christ	Eph. 3:17 + Col 2:7
16.	Built up as a structure	Eph. 2:20 + Col 2:7
17.	On a foundation	Eph. 3:17 + Col 1:23
18.	Spiritually filled	Eph. 3:19; 5:18 + Col 1:9; 2:10; 3:16
19.	The Fullness	Eph. 1:23; 3:19 + Col 1:19; 2:3
20.	The Old Man and the New Man	Eph. 4:22-24 + Col 3:9,10
21.	Similar classes of sins reprov'd	Eph. 4:2,3 + Col. 3:12-14; Eph. 4:25; 5:5 + Col 3:5-8
22.	The wrath of God coming	Eph. 5:6 + Col 3:6
23.	The duties of home enforced, in the same order and similar words	Eph. 5:22-6:9 + Col 3:18-4:1
24.	The walk of sin	Eph. 2:2; 4:17 + Col 3:7
25.	The walk of holiness	Eph. 2:10; 4:1; 5:2,8,15 + Col. 1:10; 2:6; 4:5
26.	Redemption of opportunity	Eph. 5:16 + Col. 4:5
27.	Spiritual songs	Eph. 5:19 + Col. 3:16
28.	Prayer and intercession	Eph. 6:18 + Col. 4:2
29.	The Mystery hid	Eph. 3:9 + Col 1:26
30.	The Mystery revealed	Eph. 1:9; 3:3,4,9; 6:19 + Col 1:26,27; 2:2; 4:3
31.	Riches	Eph. 1:7-18; 2:7; 3:8,16 + Col. 1:27; 2:2
32.	Ages and generations	Eph. 3:5,21 + Col 1:26
33.	The word of truth	Eph. 1:13 + Col. 1:5
34.	Character and commission of Tychicus	Eph. 6:21 + Col 4:7