Colossians 1b - Review

- ⁴ Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which you have to all the saints,
- ⁵ For the **hope** which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;
- ¹² Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
- ¹³ Who hath **delivered** us from the power of darkness, and hath **translated** us into the kingdom of His dear Son:
- ¹⁴ In whom we have redemption through His Blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
- ¹⁵ Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
- ¹⁶ 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**:
- ¹⁷ And **He** is before all things, **and by Him all things consist.**
- ¹⁸ 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 pre-eminence.
- ¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell;
- ²⁰ 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.
- ²¹ And **you**, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath **He** reconciled.
- ²² In the **body of His flesh through death**, to present you **holy** and **unblameable** and **unreproveable** in **His** sight:
- ²³ If you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;
- ²⁶ Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints:
- ²⁷ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:
- ²⁸ Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Our hope is in the great I AM.

Exodus 3:14-16. I AM

Jesus said He was the I AM:

John 1:1 the Word

John 1:3 who created everything (Gen 1)

John 1:4 the Life and Light

John 1:16 the grace for grace

John 6:35 the bread of life

John 8:12 the Light of world

John 8:58 before Abraham was

John 10:9 the Door

John 10:11 the Good Shepherd

John 11:25/26 the Resurrection and Life

John 14:6 the way, the truth, & the life

John 15:5 the Vine

John 18:5&6&8 - I am He...in the Garden/across the brook Cedron

You will find that there are many brooks that are identified and mentioned in the Bible. Connected to these brooks are events from which we can draw many spiritual lessons. In John 18:1 we find a reference to the brook Cedron. In the Old Testament the brook is called Kidron. The name means "turbid, dusky, gloomy." It ran through a ravine just outside the city walls of Jerusalem, past the Temple Mount and on past Gethsemane and Calvary. It is now known as Wady-en-Nar. It is usually dry except following the heavy rains in the mountains. Most of the time during the summer months, it is nothing but a dry creek bed. Its precipitous, rocky banks are filled with ancient tombs, especially the left bank opposite the Temple area.

The brook of Cedron has a significant occurrence in the Bible. It was crossed by David when he fled from Absalom. Solomon fixed the brook as the limits of Shimei's walks. Beside it Asa destroyed and burned his mother's idol. It was at the brook Kidron that Athaliah was executed. It became a receptacle for the impurities and abominations of idol worship that were removed by kings from the Temple.

In John 18 we find that it was the brook that Jesus crossed on His way to the Garden of Gethsemane. We read in verse 1, "When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which He entered, and His disciples."

The words "He went forth" convey the idea of purpose. Jesus was going forth deliberately and with a purpose. Jesus said to Pilate, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world" ... Jesus and the Brook Cedron (1 of 5) - Ken Trivette - Sermon Outlines and Preaching Ideas (sermonsearch.com)