



People Matter

Colossians 4:7-18

Outline:

- Colossians 4:2-6 List of Closing Reminders (skip for times sake)
- Colossians 4:7-9 Commendations
- Colossians 4:10-14 Greetings
- Colossians 4:15-18 Final Instructions and Benediction/Close

1. Commendations (4:7-9)

- o Tychicus
- o Onesimus

Who deserves a spiritual citation from you?

Who has grown and is not "useful" and needs your endorsement?

2. Greetings (4:10-14)

Who here @ HFBC do you look forward to seeing and giving a greeting?

- 2A. Co-borers who were with him and Jewish:
 - o Aristarchus fellow prisoner
 - o Mark formerly abandoned Paul and went with Barnabas
 - Justus Mark and Justus
- 2B. Extends Greetings to Gentile co-laborers maybe not with Paul
 - Epaphrus founder of the church in Colossae
 - o Luke eventually travels with Paul and writes the Gospel of Luke
 - Demas eventually leaves Paul 2 Timothy 4:10 'has forsaken me [Paul], having loved this present world.'

Who stands firm with you and for you?

Who do you stand firmly with and for? Pastor Gregg? Eric?

The church – our church – your church is always dealing with treats and error – are you standing <u>for our church</u>? Are you standing form <u>with our church</u>/

- 3. Final Instruction
- 4. Application (see Questions on Final Slide)

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7 Tychicus, our dearly loved brother, faithful servant, and fellow slave in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. 8 I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are and so that he may encourage your hearts. 9 He is with Onesimus, a faithful and dearly loved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you about everything here.

Colossians 4:7-9



¹⁰ Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, as does Mark, Barnabas's cousin (concerning whom you have received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), and so does Jesus who is called Justus. These alone of the circumcision are my coworkers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a slave of Christ Jesus, greets you. He is always contending for you in his prayers, so that you can stand mature and fully assured in everything God wills. For I testify about him that he works hard for you, for those in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis. Luke, the dearly loved physician, and Demas -Colossians 4:10-14 greet you.

15 Give my greetings to the brothers in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her home. 16 When this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. 17 And tell Archippus, "Pay attention to the ministry you have received in the Lord, so that you can accomplish it."

18 This greeting is in my own hand—Paul. Remember my imprisonment. Grace be with you. -Colossians 4:15-18

Table Talk:

- 1. Who has impacted your life spiritually?
- 2. Who are you intentionally impacting spiritually?
- 3. Who deserves a spiritual citation from you?
- 4. Who has grown and is "now Useful" & needs your endorsement?
- 5. Who needs to be greeted/noticed by you?
- 6. Who stands firm with you and for you?
- 7. Who do you stand firmly with and for?
- 8. How can you better stand firmer with Houston's First?
- 9. What has God recently taught you that you can pass on to another?
- 10. What has God called you to?
- 11. What ministry has God put on your heart? What are you doing to accomplish and finish that ministry?
- 12. Whose chains are you praying for?
- 13. Who is praying for you chains?