

LET THE WORD OF CHRIST

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PAUL'S LETTER TO THE
COLOSSIANS

Bible study for the week starting June 25, 2023

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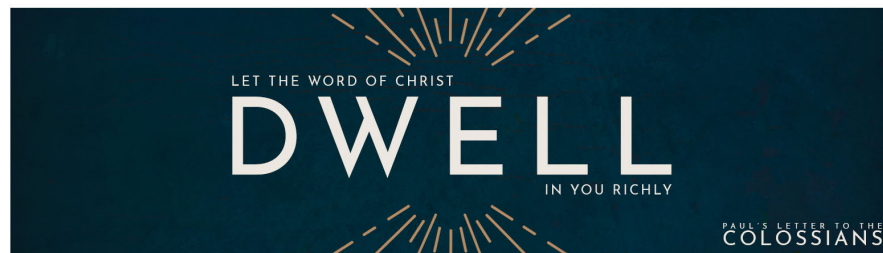
Who or what do you think the church exists for? What did Jesus establish this church to do? Why are you a part of a church? Respond to this quote: “The Church is the Church only when it exists for others...not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell men of every calling what it means to live for Christ, to exist for others.” -Deitrich Bonhoeffer

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. **Read COLOSSIANS 4:1** This verse is in no way condoning slavery (God rescued his people from slavery in Ex. 14: 30-31) This verse IS however applicable to bosses/employers (Col. 3:22-35 was about employees). So...how does God impact your work? Whatever your role.
2. **Read COLOSSIANS 4:2-4**
 - a. Are you “devoted to prayer”? What specifically does Paul ask prayers for? For himself? Or for others?
 - b. Are your prayers usually more focused on yourself or focused on others?
3. **Read COLOSSIANS 4:5-6**
 - a. Are your conversations with others more “seasoned” or “salty?”
4. **Read COLOSSIANS 4:7-18 (look at all the names)**
 - a. Tychicus- Also carrying the Ephesian letter (EPH 6:21) accomplished by Onesimus- **Read the book of Philemon.** (don't worry its only one chapter)
 - b. Aristarchus, Jesus/Justus, and Mark (Read Acts 15:38) I guess he and paul ironed things out.
 - c. Epaphras: (Likely the overseer of this group Col. 1:7) Paul builds him up and says what?
 - i. What kind of Pastor is he? (“Prayer Warrior”)
 - d. Luke(Author of Luke and Acts), Demas (2 Tim. 4:10), Nympha (House church), Archippus.
 - e. Another Letter to Loadicea: Shows how early churches shared these letters.
 - i. What do all of these names make you think about the Church.

PRAY

Pray that we would exist for others, be devoted to prayer for others, and celebrate those that are no longer “other” and who are now partners in ministry.



"Exist for Others"

Colossians 4

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Let the word of Christ DWELL in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Col 3:16).

When the Word dwells in you richly...

- You pray the Gospel would set OTHERS FREE ... even if you remain in chains.
- You are a WITNESS for Jesus ... when OTHERS witness Christ in you.
- Your words to OTHERS become SEASONED ... not salty.

The church is only the church when it exists for OTHERS ...The church must share in the secular problems of ordinary human life, not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell men of every calling what it means to live in Christ, to exist for others.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"ENCOURAGE your hearts... stand MATURE and fully assured... fulfill the MINISTRY ...

GRACE be with you!

For next week, read 1 Samuel 8:4-22; Romans 13:1-7; Matthew 22:15-22