

*Colossians*



At the Center of it All

***Christ Shaped Community***

*Col 4:7-18*

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**7** Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. **8** I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, **9** and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

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**10** Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), **11** and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.

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**12** Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. **13** For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis.

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**14** Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. **15** Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. **16** And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. **17** And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”

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**18** I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand.  
Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians: who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door, and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.

- Brennan Manning

# The Christ Centered Community

1. What is compelling about it?
2. What compels it?



# Unique Purpose

Archippus

## Sacrificial Love

Tychicus  
Luke  
Aristarchus  
Nympha  
Epaphras

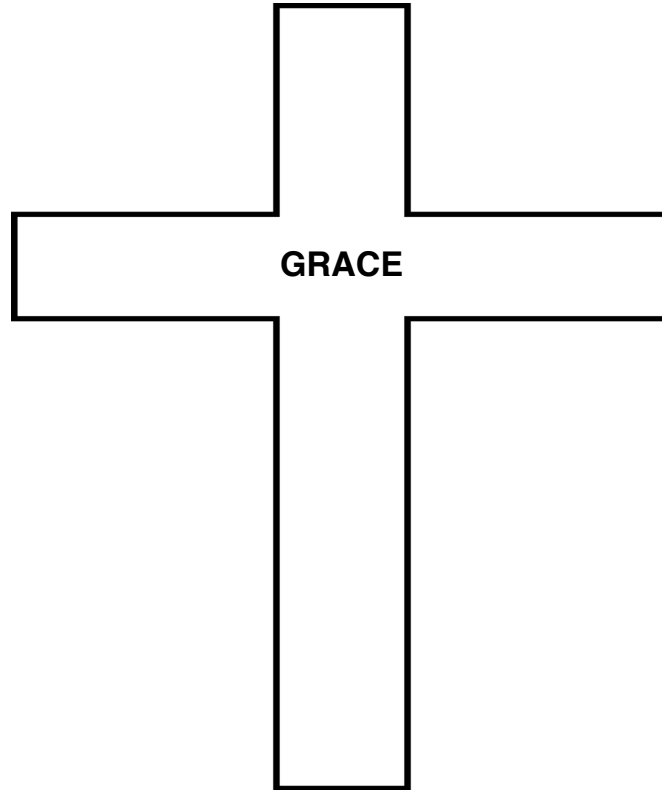
## Unity in Diversity

Jews & Gentiles  
Laodicians & Colossians  
Archippus & Onesimus

## Messy

Onesemus/Mark/Demas

GRACE



# 1 Timothy 1:15

I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, **I was shown mercy** because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. **14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly**, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

**15** Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**—of whom I am the worst. **16** But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

## **Reflection questions:**

- 1 Have you experienced the grace of Jesus in your life?
- 2 How can you sacrificially love others this week?