

Colossians 4

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SERMON NOTES

Colossians: Christ is All in All

“Colossians proclaims the absolute supremacy and sole sufficiency of Christ. It is... Paul’s full-length portrait of Christ.”

- Curtis Vaughn

Colossians 4:1-18

“The injunctions given in this paragraph touch the two extremes of life, the first of them having reference to the hidden life of prayer, and the second and third to the outward, busy life of the market place and the street.... Continual prayer is to blend with unwearied action.”

- Todd Still, *Expositor’s Bible Commentary*

Colossians 4:1-18

1. We are Called to Pray
2. We are Called to Mission
3. We Are Called to Community

“Prayer is not a normal part of the life of a natural man. We hear it said that a person’s life will suffer if he doesn’t pray, but I question that. What will suffer is the life of the Son of God in him, which is nourished not by food, but by prayer. Prayer is the way that the life of God in us is nourished.”

- Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*

“Are we praying like communers, or consumers?”

- Pastor Jim Thomas

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7

Speak to God about Men
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“Paul is insistent that one of the main purposes of the church is to invite all people into the work of ministry - not reserve it for a select few. In the church there isn’t a group of people who do ministry, and a separate group of people who receive ministry. All members of the family are called to do the work of ministry, and all members of the family are called to receive the ministry of others. We’re one body with many members...”

- J.T. English, Pastor, Storyline Fellowship

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35

“The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us. We love one another only through Christ, but through Christ we do have one another, wholly and for all eternity.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

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Stir Up Sunday