

# Saint Paul's Baptist Church

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*Weekday Study Notes*

## W E L C O M E T O S A I N T P A U L ' S

Saint Paul's Baptist Church exists to empower people to grow into all that God created them to be. We do that by finding needs and meeting them, finding problems, and solving them, finding hurts and healing them.

## G E T C O N N E C T E D

God created us for community. To volunteer, participate in a small group, or would get more information about upcoming events, visit [myspbc.org](http://myspbc.org) or download our free mobile app at [myspbc.info/app](http://myspbc.info/app).

## N E E D P R A Y E R ?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us during or after worship services for personal prayer at [myspbc.info/prayerroom](http://myspbc.info/prayerroom). You may also submit a prayer request anytime at [myspbc.info/prayer](http://myspbc.info/prayer).

## JESUS IS GREATER: A STUDY IN COLOSSIANS

*Today's Lesson: When Opportunity Knocks*

*Colossians 4:2-6: The Message*

<sup>2-4</sup> Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude. Don't forget to pray for us, that God will open doors for telling the mystery of Christ, even while I'm locked up in this jail. Pray that every time I open my mouth I'll be able to make Christ plain as day to them.

<sup>5-6</sup> Use your heads as you live and work among outsiders. Don't miss a trick. Make the most of every opportunity. Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out.

**Main Idea:** As believers, we are called to participate in God's redemptive plan through specific prayers for gospel advancement and strategic plans for personal engagement.

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1. WE MUST PRAY FOR \_\_\_\_\_ OPPORTUNITIES (4:2-4).

a. God will open the \_\_\_\_\_ (4:2-3).

b. God will open our \_\_\_\_\_ (4:3-4).

2. WE MUST PRAY FOR \_\_\_\_\_ IN OPPORTUNITIES (4:4-6).

a. We must be wise in our \_\_\_\_\_ (4:4-5).

b. We must be wise to our \_\_\_\_\_ (4:5-6).

3. POINTS OF \_\_\_\_\_ (4:5-6).

a. We cannot be \_\_\_\_\_.

1. We can compel, but we ultimately cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

2. We can contend, but we ultimately cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

b. We cannot be \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The testimony of our \_\_\_\_\_ must show the gospel.

2. The testimony of our \_\_\_\_\_ must spread the gospel.

3. The testimony of our \_\_\_\_\_ must share the gospel.

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### DIG DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. In what ways have you been tempted to be a bystander when it comes to engaging the world with the gospel?
2. Why is prayer so important to the further spread of the gospel among us?
3. The passage teaches us to pray for witnessing opportunities. What does it say we should pray for specifically?
4. How does this passage encourage us to pray for wisdom in our witnessing opportunities?
5. Why is wisdom in speech important for our evangelistic efforts?
6. Why is wisdom in contextualization important for our evangelistic efforts?
7. Why should we not be argumentative when sharing the gospel?
8. Why should we not be ashamed when sharing the gospel?
9. What are some ways we might entangle our gospel presentations with things that distract from the gospel?
10. How does this passage encourage you to participate in the work of evangelism?

**CHALLENGE:** What is one “a-ha” moment you had today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week’s message, how would the next week be different for you?

**SERVE:** How is God calling us to live out this lesson this week? As individuals? As a group?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Take this time to review church announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at [myspbc.org](http://myspbc.org). You can also connect with us on social media at [facebook.com/myspbc](https://facebook.com/myspbc), [instagram.com/myspbc](https://instagram.com/myspbc), and [twitter.com/MySPBC\\_online](https://twitter.com/MySPBC_online). Turn on your notifications.

**CELEBRATIONS:** Take this time to note praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER:** Take this time to note prayer requests. Close with prayer.