

CHRIST OVER ALL



—
COLOSSIANS 4:7-18

THE SUPREMACY & SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS



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OF TEACHING?**

**BECAUSE CHRISTIANITY IS NOT JUST
ON PAPER
IT'S SEEN IN PEOPLE'S LIVES.**



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TYCHICUS
ONESIMUS
ARISTARCHUS
MARK
JESUS
EPHAPHRAS
LUKE
DEMAS
NYMPHA
ARCHIPPUS



**RUNAWAY
FORMER
SLAVE**

1. Onesimus

10 I appeal to you for my child,
Onesimus, (receive him)

16 no longer as a bondservant
but more than a bondservant,
as a beloved brother.

Philemon 1



2. Mark

THE DIVIDER OF PAUL AND BARNABAS

37 Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. 38 But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. 39 And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other.

Acts 15



CHURCH HOSTESS

3. Nympha

15 Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

Colossians 4



ONESIMUS : SLAVE TURNED BROTHER

MARK : QUITTER BUT RESTORED

NYMPHA : ORDINARY AND FAITHFUL



**PAUL PUTS HIS
TEACHING INTO
PRACTICE!**



ONESIMUS : SLAVE TURNED BROTHER

YOU HAVE PUT OFF THE OLD SELF WITH ITS PRACTICES
10 AND HAVE PUT ON THE NEW SELF, WHICH IS BEING
RENEWED IN KNOWLEDGE AFTER THE IMAGE OF ITS
CREATOR.

COLOSSIANS 3:9-10



MARK : QUITTER BUT RESTORED

BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER AND, IF ONE HAS A COMPLAINT AGAINST ANOTHER, FORGIVING EACH OTHER; AS THE LORD HAS FORGIVEN YOU, SO YOU ALSO MUST FORGIVE.

COLOSSIANS 3:13



NYMPHA : ORDINARY AND FAITHFUL

AND WHATEVER YOU DO, IN WORD OR DEED, DO
EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, GIVING
THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIM.

COLOSSIANS 3:17



**DIFFERENT PEOPLE.
DIFFERENT ROLES.**

**SAME MISSION:
MAKE CHRIST OVER ALL.**



**ARE THERE AREAS
OF YOUR LIFE THAT
CHRIST IS NOT
LORD OVER?**



DESERTER

4. Demas

14 Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas.

Colossians 4



2 Timothy 4:9

9 DO YOUR BEST TO
COME TO ME SOON. 10
FOR DEMAS, IN LOVE
WITH THIS PRESENT
WORLD, HAS DESERTED
ME AND GONE TO
THESSALONICA.

AV (9) - forsake 7, leave 2;

1. abandon, desert
 - A. leave in straits, leave helpless
 - B. totally abandoned, utterly forsaken
2. to leave behind among, to leave surviving



Demas eventually leaves his:

-Gospel

-Community

-Mission

**because he loved this present
world more than Christ.**

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO START
WELL.**

**IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT
TO FINISH WELL.**



DEMAS: COMPANION WHO DESERTED

FOR THE WRONGDOER WILL BE PAID BACK FOR THE WRONG HE HAS DONE, AND THERE IS NO PARTIALITY.

COLOSSIANS 3:25



TYCHICUS - WILL TELL THE CHURCH
ONESIMUS - WILL TELL THE CHURCH

ARISTARCHUS - GREETES

MARK - GREETES

JESUS - GREETES

EPHAPHRAS - PRAYS

LUKE - GREETES

DEMÁS - GREETES

NYMPHA - HOSTS THE CHURCH

ARCHIPPUS - DOES MINISTRY



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**WHAT SHOULD WE AS
MIDTREE STRIVE FOR?**



Colossians 4:12

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.

EPAPHRAS: CONSTANTLY PRAYING

CONTINUE STEADFASTLY IN PRAYER, BEING WATCHFUL
IN IT WITH THANKSGIVING.

COLOSSIANS 4:2



WHAT IS THE COLLECTIVE MISSION OF MIDTREE?

MATURITY OF
EACH PERSON



Colossians 1:28-29

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone **mature** in Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.



Maturity is a process.

You cannot force or formulate it.

You have to nurture it.



1 Timothy 4:15

**Practice these things, immerse
yourself in them,
so that all may see your progress.**

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WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD?



**Q. 1. WHAT IS THE CHIEF
END OF MAN?**

**A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to
enjoy Him forever.**



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**HOW DO YOU GLORIFY
SOMETHING?**



God is most glorified in us when we are the most satisfied in Him.

-John Piper





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DO YOU SEE YOUR:

MATURITY

AND

ASSURANCE

AS SOMETHING THE CHURCH

IS PURSUING TOGETHER?



**DO YOU SEE OTHERS:
MATURITY
AND
ASSURANCE
AS SOMETHING YOU ARE
PURSUING PERSONALLY?**



Colossians 4

18 I, Paul, write this greeting with
my own hand.

Remember my chains.



Colossians 4

18 I, Paul, write this greeting with
my own hand.

Remember my chains.

Grace be with you.



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PAUL: SUFFERING WELL

NOW I REJOICE IN MY SUFFERINGS FOR YOUR SAKE...

COLOSSIANS 1:24



**WHAT ARE SOME THINGS FROM COLOSSIANS
YOU LEARNED THAT YOU NEED TO
PUT INTO PRACTICE FOR THE SAKE OF
YOURSELF AND OTHERS AROUND YOU?**

LET'S RESPOND TOGETHER:

STAND AND SING
FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD
GIVE AN OFFERING
PRAY ON THE PORCH

