

# COLOSSIANS

## Together So Live...

### Colossians 4:2-18

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New Testament	
Matthew	
Mark	
Luke	
John	
Acts	
Romans	
1 Corinthians	
2 Corinthians	
Galatians	
Ephesians	
Philippians	
<b>Colossians</b>	
1 Thessalonians	
2 Thessalonians	
1 Timothy	
2 Timothy	
Titus	
Philemon	
Hebrews	
James	
1 Peter	
2 Peter	

## Therefore... Live

### Colossians 2:6–7

**[6] Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, [7] rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.**

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## Colossians 4:2–18

[2] Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. [3] At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— [4] that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

[5] Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. [6] Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

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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.

[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. [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.

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[13] For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. [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."

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

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## Power Of Prayer

### Connection To God

- Demonstrated throughout the entire Bible
  - Prayers of praise
  - Prayers of petitions
  - Prayers of intervention
  - Prayers of guidance

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## Power Of Prayer

### Connection To God

- Demonstrated throughout the entire Bible
- Christ's ministry
  - Private prayers
  - Teaching prayers
  - Submission prayers

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## Power Of Prayer

### Connection To God

- Demonstrated throughout the entire Bible
- Christ's ministry
- First century church
  - Prayers in waiting
  - Prayers for deliverance
  - Prayers for sending

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## Power Of Prayer

Connection To God

Continual Prayer

- Steadfast
  - Regardless of any situation
  - Never giving up – persistent
  - Faith filled

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## Power Of Prayer

Connection To God

Continual Prayer

- Steadfast
- Watchful
  - Being aware of wrong influences
  - Awareness of spiritual battles
  - With thanksgiving... knowing God hears and responds

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## Power Of Prayer

Connection To God

Continual Prayer

Concerns For Prayer

- For others
  - Open opportunities to share the gospel
  - Declare the mysteries of God – work of Christ
  - Clarity in speaking the gospel
    - Understanding
    - Compassionately

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## Power Of Missions

Wisdom Is Essential For Missions

- Walk – forward movement, action
- God's wisdom and not our understanding or heart

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## Power Of Missions

Wisdom Is Essential For Missions

Call To Interact With The World

- The church and individual believers can live an isolated from the world
- Best use of time
  - Don't get in meaningless conversations or arguments
  - Seeking opportunity to share the gospel
  - Seeking opportunity to show compassion

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Wisdom Is Essential For Missions

Call To Interact With The World

Talking Correctly

- Gracious for the opportunity to share the gospel
- Salt not sugar
  - God does not need you to change His Word
  - God does not need you to justify sinfulness
  - Use salt with compassion

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## Power Of Missions

Wisdom Is Essential For Missions

Call To Interact With The World

Talking Correctly

- Gracious for the opportunity to share the gospel
- Salt not sugar
- Prayerful responses
  - Remember no one can tame the tongue without the power of the Holy Spirit
  - Notice... each person

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## Power Of Partnership

The Church – Multiple People, Multiple Locations

- Messengers
  - Tychicus
  - Onesimus

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## Power Of Partnership

### The Church – Multiple People, Multiple Locations

- Messengers
- Prisoners – Jewish Christians
  - Aristarchus – Macedonian from Thessalonica  
Acts 19:29; Acts 27:2
  - Mark – cousin of Barnabas  
Acts 13:13; 15:39
  - Jesus (Justus) – nothing else known

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## Power Of Partnership

### The Church – Multiple People, Multiple Locations

- Messengers
- Prisoners – Jewish Christians
- Church Planter
  - Epaphras
    - Received the Gospel in Ephesus
    - Planted the church in Colossae
    - Character of endurance and compassion
    - Also, for Laodicea and Hierapolis

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The Church – Multiple People, Multiple Locations

- Messengers
- Prisoners – Jewish Christians
- Church Planter
- Traveling Companions
  - Luke – physician and author (Luke and Acts)
  - Demas – eventually left for worldly passions  
2 Timothy 4:10,11

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The Church – Multiple People, Multiple Locations

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- Church Planter
- Traveling Companions
- Neighboring church
  - Laodicea
  - Nympha – host home for the church

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- Church Planter
- Traveling Companions
- Neighboring church
- Encouragement
  - Archippus – fulfill calling
  - Remember the chains
  - Grace

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Therefore... Live!

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