

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Colossians – Chapter 4

Week 4: April 28th, 2021

Further instructions (4:1-6)

If you have responsibility over others, make sure you treat them
___ **Justly** ___ and ___ **fairly** ___. (v.1)

Our persistence in prayer expresses our faith that God answers prayer. Faith shouldn't fade away if the answers come ___ **slowly** ___, for the delay may be God's way of working out his ___ **will** ___ in our lives. (V.2)

The whole focus of Paul's life was to ___ **tell** ___ ___ **others** ___ about Christ explaining in preaching this wonderful mystery. (V.3)

Paul Asked for ___ **prayer** ___ that he would ___ **proclaim** ___ the good news about Christ clearly, and we can request prayer and pray ourselves that we might do the same. (V.4)

Paul suggests that we need to be ___ **alert** ___ and ___ **smart** ___, looking for opportunities to tell others about Christ. We should be more ___ **loving** ___ and ___ **creative** ___ than ever before in our interactions with nonbelievers, making the most of our opportunities to share Christ's love. (V.5)

Just as we like to be respected, we must ___ **respect** ___ others if we want them to listen to what we have to say. ___ **seasoned** ___ and ___ **salt** ___ means that what we say should be tasty and should make people thirst for further dialogue. (V.6)

Final Greetings (4:7-18)

Barnabas and mark journeyed together to ___ **preach** ___ the good news. (V.10)

___**Epaphras**___ founded the Colossian church, and his report to Paul in Rome caused Paul to write this letter. (V.12)

Characteristics of Epaphras prayer life:

1. He prayed constantly.
2. He prayed fervently.
3. He prayed personally.
4. He prayed definitely.
5. He prayed sacrificially.

Laodicea was located a few miles ___**northwest**___ of Colossae. Hierapolis was about five miles north of Laodicea. (V.13)

Luke wrote the gospel of ___**Luke**___ and the book of ___**Acts**___. Demas was faithful for awhile, but he later deserted Paul because he loved the world. (2 Timothy 4:10). (V. 14)

___**Church**___ ___**buildings**___ were not common until the third century AD. (V. 15)

Since the whole bible was written by the ___**inspiration**___ of God, the letters we do have in scripture are the ones intended by the guidance of the ___**Holy Spirit**___. (V.16)

But we should see to it that we finish God's ___**assignments**___, completing the work we have received. (V.17)

Paul makes it clear in this letter that ___**Christ**___ alone is the source and substance of our spiritual life. He is the ___**head**___ in the body of believers. He rules both ___**physical**___ and ___spiritual___ worlds. We don't find the path to a deeper spiritual life through religious duties, special knowledge, or secrets. We find it by keeping ___**connected**___ to the Lord Jesus Christ. We must never let anything come between us and our ___**saviour**___.

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