

Colossians

Lesson 6: Final Instructions & Greeting

Colossians 4:2-4 *Pray!*

1. What do the following italicized words and phrases from Colossians 4:2, 3 teach us about prayer? Take five minutes to jot down thoughts that come to mind.

“***Devote*** yourselves to prayer, being ***watchful*** and ***thankful***.³ And pray for us, too, ***that God may open a door for our message***, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains” (Colossians 4:2, 3).

- *devote*
- *watchful*
- *thankful*
- *that God may open a door for our message*

Colossians 4:5, 6 *Witness!*

2. What does Paul mean when he urged the Colossian Christians: “*Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt*”? (Colossians 4:6a)

Colossians 4:7-18 *Final Greetings*

3. Fill in the blanks as you learn more about the co-workers Paul mentions in his closing greetings.

Tychicus was appointed by Paul to _____ his _____ to the _____.

Onesimus was the runaway _____ of a member of the church in Colosse. He had become a _____ under Paul's care, and was now being returned to his master whose name was _____.

Aristarchus was a traveling _____ of Paul who was with him on his _____ missionary journey, and on Paul's voyage to _____ for trial.

Barnabas was a faithful, long-time member of the church from _____. It was he who introduced Paul to the church in _____ from where the two embarked on the first missionary journey.

Mark was a relative of _____. He had accompanied Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey but _____ them midway through the journey. Mark is also the author of the Gospel of Mark, which, church tradition says, is really _____ testimony of the life and words of Jesus.

Jesus, also called Justus, is only mentioned _____.

Epaphras was the _____ of the church in Colosse.

Luke was a long-time traveling companion of Paul. He was a _____ by birth, and a _____ by profession. He wrote the gospel of Luke and the New Testament book of _____.

Demas was a co-worker of Paul who, sadly, would later _____ him.

Nympha seems to be a woman in whose home the Christians in _____ met.

Archippus was a worker in the church at _____. Some think that he may have been the son of _____.

4. The prisoner Paul urged the Colossians to "remember my chains" (Colossians 4:18). Why? How might it help the Colossians in their daily lives as Christians to remember that Paul was imprisoned?

5. Why is it fitting that Paul ends this letter to the Colossians with a greeting of grace?

Colossians 4:18 "I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. **Grace** be with you." (Hint: consider the theme of the letter.)