

Paul's Concluding Personal Remarks to the Colossians

Colossians 4:7-18

Background information: Paul wrote Colossians about A.D. 60-62 while he was imprisoned in Rome for his first time.

1. Tychicus. Col. 4:7-8 Tychicus must have been Paul's letter carrier.

a. How does Paul describe Tychicus? 4:7

i _____

ii _____

iii _____

b. What would Tychicus do for Paul? 4:7

c. Why had Paul had sent Tychicus? 4:8

i So that the Colossians would _____

ii So that Tychicus would _____

2. Onesimus. Along with Tychicus, Paul also sent Onesimus. Col. 4:9

a. How does Paul describe him? "our _____ and _____"

b. What was his hometown? _____

c. What would both Tychicus and Onesimus do? _____

d. What else do we know about Onesimus? Philemon 1:10-21 _____

3. Aristarchus. Col. 4:10

a. How does Paul describe Aristarchus? _____

b. What did Aristarchus wish to communicate? _____

c. What else do we learn about Aristarchus?

i Acts 19:29 _____

- ii Acts 20:4 _____
- iii Acts 27:2 _____
- iv Philemon 1:24 _____
4. Mark. Col. 4:10.
- a. To whom was Mark related? _____
- b. If Mark later happened to visit them, what were they to do? _____

- c. What previous experience did Paul have with John Mark? Acts 12:25-13:5 _____ (This would have been on Paul's First Missionary Journey.)
- d. What disappointing turn of event? Acts 13:13 _____
- e. What dissension had developed at the start of Paul's Second Missionary Journey? Acts 15:36-41 _____

- f. By the time of the writing of Colossians, Mark and Paul had become reconciled, which is a good thing!
5. Jesus who is called _____. Col. 4:11
- a. How does Paul describe these three – Aristarchus, Mark, and Justus ? _____

- b. What was their nationality? _____
- c. How had they related to Paul? _____
6. Epaphras. Col. 4:12-13
- a. What was Epaphras' home church? 4:12 _____
- b. How does Paul describe Epaphras? _____
- c. If Paul were here today, would he say that about you? _____
- d. What did Epaphras send? _____
- e. What was Epaphras always doing for the Colossians? _____

- f. What was the goal of his prayers for them? _____

- g. Paul mentioned that Epaphras had a deep concern for the Christians in three cities. What cities were they? Col. 4:13 _____;
_____;
7. Luke. Col. 4:14
- a. How did Paul describe Luke? _____
- b. What did Luke do? _____
- c. What two New Testament books did Luke write? _____; _____
8. Demas. Col. 4:14
- a. What did Demas do? _____
- b. In the last letter Paul wrote, while in prison a second time, anticipating death, he offered a sad commentary on Demas. What had Demas done? 2 Tim. 4:10
_____ Why?

9. The Church in Colossae. Col. 4:15-17
- a. Greetings. Paul asked them to greet two different sets of people. Who were they? Col. 4:15
- i _____
- ii _____ and _____
- b. Letters. Col. 4:16
- i What were they supposed to do with this letter Paul was sending to them?
- a) _____
- b) _____
- ii What were they supposed to do with the letter Paul had written to the church of the Laodiceans? _____
- c. Challenge. Col. 4:17. What were they to tell Archippus? _____

10. Paul's Closing Signature and Comments. Col. 4:18

- a. How did Paul close this letter? _____
- b. What did he ask them to remember (probably in prayer)? _____
- c. With what final quality did He bless them? _____

11. Closing Questions about Colossians

- a. What lessons are there about keeping in touch with other Christians that you can learn from Paul's example in Colossians 4:7-18?
- b. Glance back through each of the four chapters
- c. What about the entire letter most stands out to you?
- d. What areas in Colossians do you think the church-at-large most needs to work on?
- e. What areas that this letter touches on do you most need to work on in your own life?

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