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**A Study of Colossians**



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# God's "Upside-Down" Kingdom

Matthew 20:16

*"So the last will be first,  
and the first will be last."*

## Unsung Heroes of the Faith

As Paul wraps up this letter to the church in Colossae, he mentions ten people. Most of them you've never heard of—and can't even pronounce their names. But the lives they lived have changed the world.



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**Wrapping Up – Colossians 4:7-18**

# Colossians 4:7-18

7 Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. 8 I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. 9 He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.

# Colossians 4:7-18

<sup>10</sup> My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) <sup>11</sup> Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me.

# Colossians 4:7-18

<sup>12</sup> Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. <sup>13</sup> I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup> Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. <sup>15</sup> Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

# Colossians 4:7-18

<sup>16</sup> After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea.

<sup>17</sup> Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord."

<sup>18</sup> I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

- Tychicus
- Onesimus
- Aristarchus
- Mark
- Jesus "Justus"
- Epaphras
- Luke
- Demas
- Nympha
- Archippus

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This list of names is not an insignificant post-script to the rest of the letter.

It's a look into the boiler room of the New Testament. It's exactly what God is doing today!

Paul's passion is for the Gospel to go out to the entire world. His prayer isn't for God to "save lost people." His prayer is that each of US would seize every opportunity God gives US to share the good news.

● Colossians 4:5-6

# 1. Pray

Prayer makes the darkened cloud withdraw,  
prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw.  
Prayer gives exercise to faith and love,  
and brings every blessing from above.

When we stop praying, we cease to fight,  
for prayer makes the Christian's armor bright.

And Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon their knees.

*"What Various Hindrances We Meet"*

William Cowper; 1779

## 2. Understand the Urgency

*"I got onto my horse and I couldn't see in front of me for the tears were pouring down my face. And two words were pounding into my heart as the hooves of the horse were pounding into the ground. The two words were...*

*'death / hell / death / hell / death / hell...'*

*I got off my horse, knelt in the dusty road—and repented bitterly of the way I betrayed my God...and the damnation I brought upon Jacob Eames. My life was forever changed.*

*I would do whatever God called me to do."*

# 3. Live Wisely & Graciously

**Colossians 3:12, 17**

*“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”*

# 4. Stay together!

## Colossians 3:13-15

*“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.”*

# 5. Expect Opposition in this Life, and the Greater Reward in the Next.

**Colossians 4:18; 3:23-24**

*"I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand.*

*Remember my chains.*

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working  
for the Lord...since you know that you will receive  
an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.*

*It is the Lord Christ you are serving."*

# 6. Look up!

**Colossians 3:2 MSG**

*“Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that’s where the action is. See things from His perspective.”*

# Look up!

*"God, I don't know what to do,  
but my eyes are on you."*

