

The Preeminence of Christ

Colossians



Col. 4:7-18

March 24th, 2021

1. The Faithful Servants (7-11)

2. The Fervent Servant (12-13)

3. The Friendly Servants (14-18)

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- A. Tychicus (7-8) Beloved Brother, Faithful Servant and Fellow Bond Servant
- **B. Onesimus (9)** Faithful and Beloved Brother
- C. Aristarchus (10a) Fellow Prisoner and Worker for the Kingdom of God
- D. Mark or John Mark(10b) Fellow Workers for the Kingdom of God
- E. Jesus called Justus (11) Fellow Worker for the Kingdom of God

1. The Faithful Servants (7-11)

2. The Fervent Servant (12-13) – Epaphras

- A. A bondslave of Jesus Christ
- B. Always laboring earnestly in prayers
- C. Deep concern for believers in the Lycus Valley

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- 2. The Fervent Servant (12-13)
- 3. The Friendly Servants (14-18)
 - A. Luke (14a) The Beloved Physician
 - B. Demas (14b) Sends greetings
 - C. Archippus "Take heed and fulfill the ministry"

Concluding Colossians

- 1. Sufficiency of Christ (1:14-22 and 2:8-15)
- 2. Gnosticism (1:19)
- 3. Dualism (2:3, 8 and 18)
- 4. Jewish Legalism (2:16-17)
- 5. Asceticism (2:20-23)
- 6. Worship of Angels (2:18-19)
- 7. Mysticism (2:18)

Responding to the Text

1. Resolve to be grounded in Christ

2. Reach out to someone who has influenced you for Christ

Group Discussion Questions

- 1. In what way does the **Gospel bring people** together in way that would simply not normally happen in our world?
- 2. Based on your connection and common ground over your belief and passion for the Lord, how well are you doing when it comes to **cultivating friendships** with people very different than yourself? How can you continue to grow in this area?
- 3. How does **serving in ministry together** create deep bonds of friendships?
- 4. Colossians portrays the preeminence of Christ. What is **one thought/aspect about the Lord Jesus Christ** that you look forward to exploring further and why?

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