



COLOSSIANS
THE SUPREMACY & SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS

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Bible
Study

Colossians 4

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Thankfulness in Colossians:

- 3:15-17 “Let the peace of Christ rule...and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you...singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do...do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks...”
- 2:6-7 “...walk in Him...overflowing with gratitude.”

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Thankfulness in Colossians:

- 1:12 “giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.”
- 1:3 “We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you.”

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“For even though they knew God, **they did not honor Him as God or give thanks**, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.” Romans 1:21

Ungratefulness is an evidence of man's alienation from God.

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Paul's ministry while imprisoned:

- Paul wrote the "Prison epistles."
- Paul testified before the mob in Jerusalem (Acts 22)
- Paul witnessed to Governor Felix. (Acts 24)
- Paul testified to King Herod Agrippa. (Acts 26)
- Paul preached to the Praetorian Guard. (Phil 1:13)
- Paul's courage emboldened others. (Phil 1:14)
- Paul led many of Caesar's household to Christ. (Phil 4:22)

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"Walk" in Colossians:

- 1:10 "walkworthy of the Lord..."
- 2:6 "as you have received Christ ...walk in Him."
- 3:7 "...in them you also once walked...But now...put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, abusive speech..."
- 4:5 "walk in wisdom"

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Wisdom = properly evaluating circumstances and making godly decisions

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"make the most of every opportunity!" Col 4:5b

EXAGORAZOMENOI = a market term meaning to "buy out" or purchase completely.

"opportunity" = KAIROS = an opportune time, a significant time, God's time or opportunity.

"A divine appointment!"

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"But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account of the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; and keep a good conscience so that...those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame."

I Pet 3:15-16

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"The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth..."

II Tim 2:24-25

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Tychicus:

"beloved brother" = he stuck with Paul in difficult circumstances

"faithful servant" = he ministered to Paul's needs

"fellow bond-servant" = he served with Paul in the ministry

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Greek words for "servant":

"faithful servant" = DIAKONOS ("deacon")

"fellow bond-servant" = SUNDOULOS; one in permanent servitude to another.

"Tychicus was a servant in relation to Paul, but a fellow bond-servant with Paul in relation to the Lord."

John MacArthur

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The men who stayed:

Aristarchus, vs 10

John Mark, vs. 10

Jesus Justus, vs. 11

Luke, vs 14

The man who prayed:

Epaphras, vs. 12-13

The man who strayed:

Demas, vs. 14

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Lessons from Colossians 4:

1. Make disciplined prayer a priority in your life. Talk to others who do so for practical suggestions.
2. Consider your speech and behavior before unbelievers. We are Christ's ambassador and need to represent Him well!
3. Work alongside of other believers to serve the Lord.
4. The example of John Mark—one failure doesn't have to stop your ability to serve; and the example of Demas—the world will try to pull us away from Christ.

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