

Announcements

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We finish off the letter of Colossians today with Paul instructing us on what he started the letter off with. Remember in Ch. 1 Paul starts the letter off praying for the small church in Colossae.

Throughout the letter we have seen that the two things he starts out praying for are those that he stresses. That they would be filled with the knowledge of His will and that they be a community united in love because of Christ. And in ch. 1 Paul stresses whose will they are to be filled with, in Ch. 2 he stresses who they are now in Him, in Ch. 3 he stresses how they are to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord in community and in their relationships. Now in Ch. 4 Paul closes the letter asking them now to mimic him in 2 things that are key to walking forward in Christ. First that they would pray. Not only pray but devote themselves to prayer.

Second, to share the gospel with others.

v.2-4. What would cause us not to be persistent in prayer? How does God want our attitude to be towards prayer? (Luke 11:5-10)

Now that we are "in Him", now that we can "walk in the newness of life" (Romans 6), how does prayer fit into this new life? (Galatians 2:20. If this is our new identity in Christ what does a prayer life look like practically?

A - Admit my helplessness (Colossians 1:17, John 15:5)

P - Pray for help (Psalm 50:15)

T - Trust a specific promise (Colossians 3:16 Galatians 2:20)

A - Act with confidence in God (Isaiah 55:11)

T - Thank God (Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

v.5-6. Paul finishes with how we should approach outsiders. Here is his instruction on living life and sharing the gospel with "outsiders". How are we to conduct ourselves? How do our words become seasoned with salt? When our words are spoken from a life that lives in the reality of God's grace and that shares what God has done in reconciling them back to him.

Lastly, he says "Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt" so that "you will know how you should respond to each person". (1 Peter 3:13-17)

