



Grace Ambassadors Bible Fellowship

Colossians Book Summary

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Lesson 5, 4:1-18 | *Putting on the Christ, redeeming the time*

1. Review & Overview

- a. The member of Christ's body has a hope/destiny to be conformed to Christ's image
- b. Christ was put on in death baptism (Gal3:27) & he will present you perfect in himself
- c. Set affections, "*put on the new man*" your choice to "*be transformed*" until glory
 - i. Battle: renewal (Col3:10), 2) reckoning (Rom6:11), 3) constraint (Rom13:14)
- d. Not a solo task. 3 important tools are necessary: 1) God's word, 2) prayer, 3) people

2. The Faithful Member...

- a. The exhortation to continue in the faith resounds through Colossians to 4:2 "*Continue...*"
- b. Paul begins (1:3,9) & ends w/ prayer (4:2,12) → which is God's will – 1Ths5:17
- c. (v.5) Redeems the time...why? → "*God has a purpose for your life!*" **ye are... – Col3:3**
 - i. Q: How ought we continue in the faith (in this life)? **I am... -- Gal2:20**
 - ii. In sin? (Rom6:1) law? (Gal2:5) → "*as ye have been taught*" – 2Tim3:14; 3:10
 - iii. A: Grounded, settled, rooted, built, stable in the faith: **not the world – Gal6:14**
- d. (v.2-6) ...through an effectually unified faith that ought... (the engine = Phlm1:6)
 - i. Communicate by acknowledgement of the crucified life – Gal2:20; Eph2:10
 - ii. Pray, know (1Cor8:2), think (Rom12:3), speak (Eph6:20), walk (1Ths4:1), bear (Rom15:1), rejoice (2Cor2:3), forgive (2Cor2:7), answer (Col4:6), follow order (2Ths3:7)
- e. (v.2,12) Pray – w/ the same **knowledge** (Rom8:26; 1Cor14:15; 2Tim3:16)
 - i. For you & others → desire & care for their benefit = charity (Phil2:1-4)
 - ii. Watch (2Tim4:1-5) for opportunity w/thanks. = "*door of utterance*" (1Cor16:9)
- f. (v.3,4) Speak – the same thing (**Hid Wisd**: 1Cor2:6; **Sincerely**: 2Cor2:17; **Boldly**: Phil1:14; **Soundly**: Ti2:8; **Mystery**: Eph3:9; 6:19,20; **Purely**: 1Tim3:9; **Faithfully**: 1Cor4:1-2)
- g. (v.5) Walk – by the same rule (Phil3:16-18) (**By faith**: 2Cor5:7; **By grace**: Ti2:11-12; **Resurrected**: Phil3:6-18; **Sanctified**: 1Thess4:1-12; **Orderly**: 2Thess3:6-15; **Circumspectly**: Eph5:12; **At peace**: Phil3:17,18; **Honestly**: Rom13:13-14; **Simply**: 2Cor1:12)
- h. (v.6) Answer – should you so choose (Avoid: 1Tim6:20; 2Tim2:23; Ti3:9), w/ understand., persuasion & peace | **How much is in you?** (Rom1:16; Cf. 12:18) (1Cor1:10; 2Tim2:2; Rom12:3; 14:5; 2Cor4:2; 2Tim2:15; 4:16; 2Tim2:14,24)
- i. (v.7-18)...with a supporting cast of faithful fellows.
 - i. The worthy walk recognizes the ministry's sufferings (Col1:23-25; Phil3:10)
 - ii. 12 people, playing import./teach. roles in Paul's ministry life (2Cor11:23-33)
 - iii. Paul was charged (Ac9:26), suffered, instructed (2Cor12:9) & learned (Phil4:11)
 - iv. Many of these men were present for & faithfully comforted him through



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Paul's Supporting Cast

1. **Luke**. Pre-Paul-Prison (Lu1:1-4; Ac1:1-2; 16:10 "we"; Col4:14; 2Tim4:11)
 - Origin: ?
 - Events: Christ's earthly ministry, Acts of the Apostles
 - Terms: "*beloved*", "*physician*", "*fellowlabourer*" (Col4:14; Phlm1:24)
2. **Barnabas**. Pre-Paul (Ac4:36; 9:27; 11:25,30; 12:25; 13:1-7,43-50; 14:12-20; 15; 1Cor19:6; Gal2)
 - Origin: Cyprus/Jerusalem
 - Events: Introduced Saul to apostles, Est. Antioch/Galatian churches, Jerusalem Council
3. **Marcus**. Pre-Paul (Ac12:12,25; 13:5,13; 15:37,39; Col4:10; Phlm1:24; 2Tim4:11)
 - Origin: Jerusalem
 - Events: Peter's release; Departed into 1st journey; Paul/Barnabas' contention
 - Terms: "*not good*", "*fellowlabourer*", "*fellowworker*", "*comfort*", "*profitable*" (Ac15:38)
4. **Timotheus**. Acts 16-Prison
 - Origin: Derbe
 - Events: Circumcised, sent to Macedonia, Corinth, Philippi, left in Ephesus
 - Terms: "*son in the faith*", "*no man likeminded*" (1Tim1:2; Phil2:20)
5. **Justus**. Ac18-Prison (Ac18:7; Col4:11)
 - Origin: Corinth
 - Events: Likely knew Priscilla & Aquila, Insurrection in Corinth against Paul & Co.
 - Terms: "*fellowworker*", "*comfort*" (Col4:11)
6. **Aristarchus**. (Ac19-Prison: Ac19:29; 20:4; 27:2; Col4:10; Phlm1:24)
 - Origin: Macedonia
 - Events: Ephesian uproar, Rome voyage, shipwreck
 - Terms: "*fellowprisoner...labourer...worker*", "*comfort*" (Col4:10)
7. **Tychicus**. Acts 20-Prison (Ac20:4; Eph6:21; Col4:7; 2Tim4:12; Ti3:12)
 - Origin: Asia
 - Events: Companion in travel, sent to Ephesus
 - Terms: "*faithful minister*" (Eph6:21)
8. **Epaphras**. Prison (Col1:7; 4:12; Phlm1:23; "*Epaphroditus*" Phil2:25; 4:18?)
 - Origin: Colosse? "*who is one of you*"
 - Events: Imprisonment
 - Terms: "*fellowservant*", "*faithful minister*", "*fellowprisoner*" (Col1:7; 4:12; Phlm1:23)
9. **Onesimus**. Prison (Col4:9; Phlm1:10)
 - Origin: Colosse? "*who is one of you*" ..."*begotten in my bonds*"
 - Events: Imprisonment
 - Terms: "*son*", "*unprofitable*", "*profitable*", "*faithful*" (Phlm1:10-12)
10. **Demas**. Prison (Col4:14; Phlm1:24; 2Tim4:10)
 - Origin. Thessalonica?
 - Events: Paul's Imprisonment
 - Terms: "*fellowlabourer*", "*loved this present world*" (Phlm1:24; 2Tim4:10)



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11. Nymphas. Prison (Col4:15)

- Origin. Laodicea?
- Events. Paul's Imprisonment
- Terms: "*church in his house*" (Col4:15)

12. Archippus. Prison (Col4:18; Phlm1:2)

- Origin: ?
- Events: Paul's Imprisonment
- Terms: "*take heed...fulfil...ministry*", "*fellowsoldier*" (Col4:18; Phlm1:2)