

Christ's Coworkers part 2
Colossians 4:12-18

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I. Epaphras. Colossians 4:12-13

In our Christian walks we often grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we _____ others.

- Paul says Epaphras' prayer was "***That you may stand _____ and complete in all the will of God.***"

II. Luke, Demas, and Nymphas. Colossians 4:14-15

It is amazing that the Word of God is without error in its original writings, yet the Lord still allowed the different _____ of the individual writers to shine through. **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

- "*Surely here we have the faint outlines of a study in degeneration, loss of enthusiasm and _____ in the faith.*" (Barclay)

III. Reading instructions. Colossians 4:16

The number one Spiritual battle for Laodicea was that its members were _____ satisfied and lukewarm in their faith.

- The church overall in America is _____ in their faith and has become too busy with a comfortable form of Christianity.

IV. Archippus. Colossians 4:17-18

"Take heed to the ministry" was also meant for every reader, then and now, about some principles of _____ God.

- "*Our great challenge, then, is to "take heed" to this ministry "received in the Lord, " that we " _____ it.*" (Min. Magazine)

V. Practical Application.

Peter's denial began after Jesus' arrest, but his denial was a _____ into sin which began when Peter **argued** with the Word of God that came through Jesus.

1. Peter's _____ led to his denial of Jesus.
2. Peter's _____ Jesus from afar, led to his denial of Jesus.

True Repentance is less about feeling bad and more about turning back to, and feeling delight towards, the Lord as we realize He deserves the _____ in every aspect of our lives.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Jesus Christ is the Savior, the Creator, and the sustainer of the world; He is the Head of the church. Read **Colossians 1:13-20**. *How did Paul describe Christ? What does the fact that Christ is the Creator tell us about Him? **Philippians 2:5-8, John 1:1-14, Genesis 1:1, Mark 4:39-41***
2. Read **Colossians 4:7-11**. Discuss the different people mentioned within our passage.
2 Timothy 4:10
3. *How can all scripture be given by inspiration from the Holy Spirit, yet still reveal individual writers' personalities?*
2 Timothy 3:16-17
4. *Why was Paul concerned about this letter being read to the Colossians and Laodiceans? Where did most of the early churches meet during the earliest years of the church's existence?*
Acts 5:42, Romans 16:3-5, 1 Corinthians 16:19, Philemon 2
5. Read **Revelation 3:14-22**. *What did Rich say was the number one spiritual battle for the church at Laodicea?*
Matthew 7:21-23, 2 Timothy 3:5
6. *What do Paul's words to Archippus tell you about Paul? What does the exhortation to Archippus mean to us today?*
7. Discuss the Practical Application to this sermon. *How can we prevent a slow fade in apathy and pride?*
Matthew 26:31-33, James 4:6