

Share the Gospel!
Colossians 4

The gospel message is meant to be shared

- Col. 4:2-6
- We can not adequately proclaim unless we adequately pray (vs. 2)
 - “continue steadfast in prayer” (1Thess. 5:15)
 - “being watchful” (Matt. 26:41)
 - “with thanksgiving” (Phil. 4:4-7)
 - “pray also for us” (Rom. 10:13-15)

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- We must walk the walk before we talk the talk (vs. 5)
 - “walk in wisdom toward outsiders”
 - “making the best use of the time”
 - “Let your speech always be gracious”
 - “seasoned with salt”

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- Col. 4:7-18
- Tychicus (Col. 4:7; Acts 20:4; Eph. 6:21; 2Tim. 4:12; Titus 3:12)
- Onesimus (Col. 4:9; Phil. 1:10)
 - Represent faithful encouragers
- Aristarchus (Col. 4:10; Acts 19:29; 20:4; Phil. 1:24)
 - He is an example of someone who doesn't give up when things get tough

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- John Mark (Col. 4:10; Acts 12:12; 13:1-15; 15:36-41; 2Tim. 4:11)
 - He is an example of those who fail and are restored
- Justus
 - Represent those who faithfully serve behind the scenes and deeds aren't known
- Epaphras (Col. 1:7; 4:12; Phil. 1:23)
 - He represents prayer warriors and the next generation of leaders

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- Luke (Col. 4:14; 2Tim. 4:11)
 - He represents all who use their professional skills for ministry
- Demas (Col. 4:14; Phil. 1:24; 2Tim. 4:10)
 - He represents those who start well but don't finish well

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- Paul send personal greetings to two individuals
 - Nympha (Col. 4:15) represents those who use what God has given them to meet the needs of the church
 - Archippus (Col. 4:17; Phil. 1:2) reminds us to look out for those who are in danger of burnout