

## Colossians 4:7-18, "Our Legacy"

<sup>7</sup>Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. <sup>8</sup>I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. <sup>9</sup>He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here. <sup>10</sup>My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) <sup>11</sup>Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. <sup>12</sup>Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. <sup>13</sup>I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup>Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. <sup>15</sup>Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. <sup>16</sup>After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea. <sup>17</sup>Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord." <sup>18</sup>I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

### Overview of Passage

As usual, the last portion of Paul's letter concludes with greetings and final instructions. Paul's greetings give a glimpse into the lives of those who are directly involved in his ministry. These are their preserved legacies.

#### I. The Felon (v18)

<sup>18</sup>I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

- a. No suffering is greater than the joy of gospel ministry (2 Cor 11:23-28)
- b. Our love for God is demonstrated by our love for others (1 John 4, 2 Cor 11:28)

#### II. The Run-away Slave (v9)

<sup>9</sup>He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you.

- a. The gospel calls Christians to reconcile (Philemon)
- b. The greatest act of reconciliation was at the cross (1 Tim 2:5)

#### III. The Deserter (v14)

<sup>14</sup>Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings.

- a. In the end, no amount of good works will save us (Matthew 7:21-23)
- b. They left us, because they weren't us (1 John 2:19)

### Family discussion

1. What were some of the major themes in Colossians?
2. Where was Colossae?
3. Around what time was the letter to the Colossians written?
  
4. What did you learn from our Colossian study?

### **Scripture Memorization for January**

Philippians 2:5-8

*“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient unto death—even death on a cross!”*

### **Songs to Worship throughout the week**

“Totally Man, Totally God”, by Sovereign Grace Kids

“Holy, Holy, Holy”, by Shane and Shane

“Let the Nations be Glad”, by Matt Boswell

“Christ our Hope in life and death”, by Keith and Kristyn Getty

“Hypostatic Union”, by Shai Linne

*\*You can find these songs on Spotify or Youtube\**

### **Kid’s Catechisms**

Q. How many natures does Jesus have?

A. Jesus has two natures in one person.

Q. What are Jesus’ two natures?

A. Jesus is fully human and fully divine,  
or Jesus has a human nature and a divine nature.