INTRODUCTION:

Colossians 1:1-2,

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother,
- 2 **To the saints** and **faithful brethren** in Christ which are at Colosse: **Grace** be unto you, and **peace**, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

V.1, Apostle:

- a. His God-given position.
- b. His God-given responsibility.

V.1, "The will of God."

Romans 12:1-2,

- 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- 1. "Saints."
 - a. Church members.
 - b. The pastors -(3 Books/7Letters)
- 2. "Faithful." (Faith/Belief controlled)
 - a. Actions proved what they believed.
 - b. Thomas:
 - c. John 20:27, "...be not faithless, but believing."
 - d. "Faithful"
 - i. <u>V.2</u>, (pistos)
 - ii. "John 20:27, (pistos)
- 3."Peace."
 - a. Colossians 3:15, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts..." (Referee)
 - b. Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom."

"WE GIVE THANKS"

Colossians 1:3-4.

- 3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
- 4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,

"We Heard" - 7x - Bible.

- a. Colossians 1:4, "We heard"
- b. Colossians 1:9, "We heard"
- c. "Your Faith"
 - i. Romans 1:8, "Your faith is spoken of..."
 - ii. Second Corinthians 1:24, "Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand."
- d. "The Love"
 - i. Colossians 1:8, "Your love..."
 - ii. Colossians 2:2, "Knit together in love..."

"YE HEARD" - "YE LEARNED"

Colossians 1:5-8,

5 For **the hope** which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof **ye heard** before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

7 As **ye also learned** of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

• "<u>Heard</u>" - <u>641x</u> - Bible.

• "Learned" - 22x - Bible.

Mark 4:24,

→ "<u>Take heed what ye hear</u>...it shall be measured to you."

"FOR THIS CAUSE WE PRAY"

Colossians 1:9-12,

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

PAUL'S CONCERN:

First Samuel 12:23,

"God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:"

PROBLEM:

First Samuel 8:4-5,

"Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel and said unto him...make us a king to judge us like all the nations."

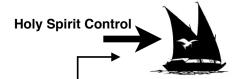
"WE PRAY THAT..."

Colossians 1:9,

"...that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;"

"Be Filled"

- a. **Ephesians 5:18**, "...be **filled** with the Spirit."
- b. Second Timothy 1:4, "...be filled with joy."
- c. Colossians 1:9,
- d. "...that ye might be **filled** with the knowledge of his will..."



Acts 2:2,

"...wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting."

"THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL..."

"Knowledge" - 172x - Bible.

Proverbs 2:4-5,

"If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God."

"WISDOM AND SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING."

First Corinthians 2:5,

"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

"WALK WORTHY."

Colossian 1:10,

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

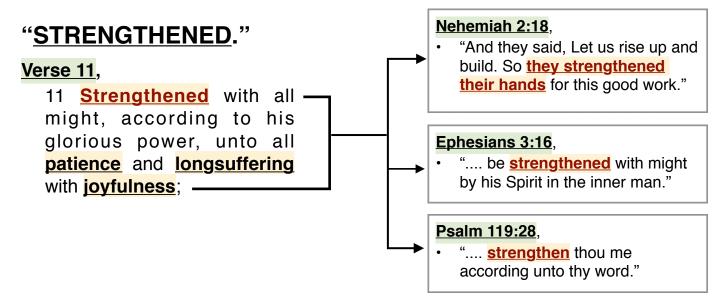
Ephesians 4:1,

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called."

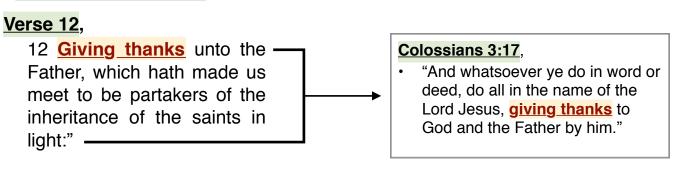
- "Pleasing" "Giving pleasure."
- "Fruitful"

Mark 4:20,

- "And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred."
- "Increasing" Same
 Ephesians 4:15,
- "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:"



"GIVING THANKS."



NOTES:			

Verses 13-20.

13 Who hath <u>delivered us</u> from the power of darkness, and hath <u>translated us</u> into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

- 1. Delivered us.
- 2. Translated us.
- 3. Redeemed us.

Genesis 1:1,

"In the beginning **God** created the heaven and the earth."

John 1:1-3,

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 The same was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

V.14,

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..."

- 1. "Peace **from** God." Bethlehem
- 2. "Peace with God." Salvation
- 3. "Peace of God." V.C.L.

Philippians 4:7,

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Verses 21-20,

21 And you, that <u>were</u> - sometime <u>alienated</u> and enemies in your mind by wicked works, <u>yet now</u> hath he <u>reconciled</u>

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to <u>present</u> you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Alienated:

- a. From Israel.
 - i. Colossians Mainly Greek.
- b. From the will of God.
- c. From God Himself.

Reconciled:

a. "Restore friendly a friendly relationship."

Faith:

- a. "The Faith" 43x
- b. "Your Faith" 24

Grounded:

a. "To lay a foundation."

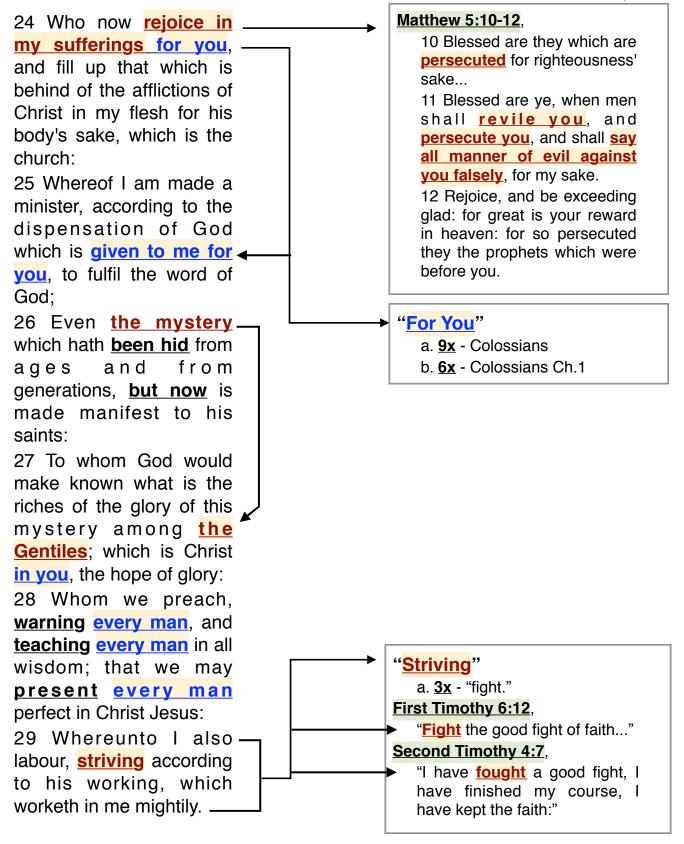
Luke 6:46-49,

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.



Colossians 2:,

1 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh:

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

"Conflict"

Second Timothy 4:7,

 "I have fought a good fight, have finished my course, I have kept the faith:"

Colossians 2:1,

• "for you." - 9x in Colossians

"Their Hearts"

Revelation 3:14-17,

- 14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God:
- 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.
- 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
- 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

"Wisdom" - 234x - Bible

Colossians 1:9,

"...wisdom and spiritual understanding;"

Colossians 1:28,

"...teaching every man in all wisdom."

Colossians 2:3,

"...the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

Colossians 2:23,

"...a shew of wisdom."

Colossians 3:16.

"...in all wisdom."

Colossians 4:5,

"...walk in wisdom."

"Wisdom" - 54x - Proverbs

Proverbs 1:2,

 "To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;"

4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

"Beguile"

Colossians 2:18,

- "Let no man beguile you of your reward..."
- Beguile To deceive in a friendly and charming manner.

First Corinthians 2:4,

 "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

Enticing:

To attract by offering what we want.

Second Timothy 4:3,

 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears:"

5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

"Your Order"

- How we do God's will.
- God's will

God's Way!

- 1. Truth
- 2. Sound Doctrine
- 3. Scriptural Traditions
- 4. Scriptural Methods
- 5. Scriptural Goals.

Wrong Way!

- 1. Goal Numbers
- 2. Unscriptural Method
- 3. Unscriptural Traditions
- 4. Unscriptural Doctrine
- 5. Unscriptural Scriptural Goals.

"Steadfastness"

"In a conscientious or obedient manner."

"Conscientious"

"Wishing to do what is right."

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

7 **Rooted** and **built up** in him, and **stablished in the faith**, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Received:

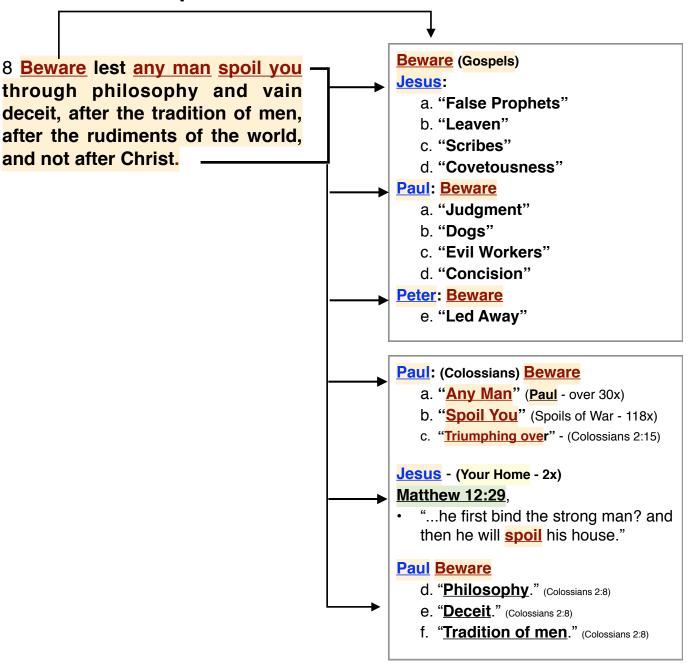
John 1:12,

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"

Received: (Walk)

Colossians 4:17.

- "Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it."
 - 1. Received
 - 2. Walk
 - 3. Rooted
 - 4. Built Up
 - 5. Established in the faith.



"Any Man"

V.4, "And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words."

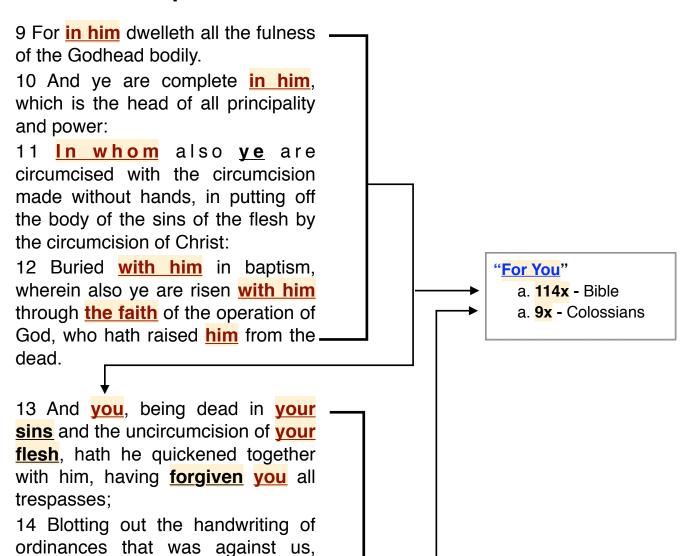
V.8, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his

15 And having **spoiled** principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, **triumphing over**

them in it._____

cross;



16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

17 Which are a **shadow** of things to come; but the body is of Christ. ——

18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19 And <u>not</u> holding (holding fast) <u>the</u> <u>Head</u>, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not; 22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in <u>will worship</u>, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

Beware (Judaizers)

Jesus:

- a. Diets
- b. Days
- c. A Shadow of things to come."

A.W. Tozer:

"Whatever originates outside the Scriptures should for that very reason be suspect until it can be shown to be in accord with them.

However high the **emotional** content, no experience can be proved to be genuine unless we can find chapter and verse authority for it in the Scriptures."

- 1. Christianity is about Christ.
- 2. Judaism was about their Control. ◆
- 3. Crucified because He went against their rules.

Seeking And Setting

Ch.3:1, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."

Ch.3:2-5, 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

- 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
- 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
- 5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
- 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the **children of disobedience**:
- 7 In the which ye also **walked** some time, when ye lived in them.

"Seek"

- 1. Seek to find something.
- 2. **Seek** to achieve something.
- 3. Translated "Desire"

"Seek"

244x Bible.

Psalm 14:2,

"The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God."

Proverbs 8:17,

"I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."

Hebrews 11:6.

"...he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Ecclesiastes 1:13,

 "I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 2:1.

- "I said in mine heart...enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity."
- "Vanity" 33x Ecclesiastes

"Mortify"

- 1. "Put to death"
- Vines: "destroying the strength of, depriving of power."

"Members"

"Parts of a complex structure."

Putting Off And Putting On

- 8 But now ye also put off all these;
- anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
 - 9 <u>Lie not</u> one to another, seeing that ye have **put off** the old man with his deeds;
 - 10 And have **put on the new man**, which is **renewed** in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Paul's Victory:

Second Corinthians 4:16,

"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

- 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but **Christ is all, and in all**.
- 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of
 → God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
 - 13 **Forbearing** one another, and **forgiving** one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.
 - 14 And above all these things **put on charity**, which is the bond of perfectness.

"Now"

"At the time directly following the present moment; immediately."

"Now"

• **1,356x** - Bible

Proverbs 5:7.

"Hear me now..."

Proverbs 6:3,

"Do this now..."

Proverbs 7:4,

 "Hearken unto me now...and attend to the words of my mouth."

Ecclesiastes 12:1,

 "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them:"

Hebrews 3:7-8.

 "Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice. Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness"

songs, singing with grace (170x) in

vour hearts to the Lord. ___

Allowing Not Preventing

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual

"Let The Peace..."

"Let The Word..."

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"Let The Word..."

"One Another" "- 54x - Bible

"Admonishing" "To advise earnestly, warn, or reprimand."

someone how to do something."

- Serving
- Exhorting
- Considering
- Comforting
- Forbearing
- Forgiving
- Edifying
- Admonishing
- LOVING...

"Sing" "- 119x - Bible Ephesians 5:19,

 "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing (29x) and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

"Whatsoever Ye Do"

- 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.
- 18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.
- 19 **<u>Husbands</u>**, **love** your wives, and be not bitter against them.
- 20 <u>Children</u>, obey your parents in all things: for <u>this</u> is well pleasing unto the Lord.
- 21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.
- 22 **Servants**, **obey** in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God;
- 23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
- 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
- 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

First Corinthians 10:31,

 "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or <u>whatsoever ye do</u>, do all to the glory of God."

1 Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

2 Continue in (1) prayer, and (2) watch in the same (3) with thanksgiving;

3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

4 **That** I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

"Continue"

Colossians 1:23,

- If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away..."
- Colossians 4:2,
- "If ye continue in prayer ..."

"Watch"

Acts 20:27-31,

- 27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.
- 28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
- 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.
- 31 <u>Therefore watch</u>, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

Wisdom And Speech

5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Condition

7 All **my state** shall **Tychicus** declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:

8 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts; "Order regarding part of a body" (i.e Church)

Tychicus ... V.7

Onesimus ... V.9

Aristarchus ... V.10

Marcus ... V.10

Justus ... V.11

Epaphras ... V.12

Luke ... V.14

Demas ... V.14

Nymphas ... V.15

Archippus ... V.17

Tychicus ... V.7

"Beloved brother"

"Faithful minister"

"Fellowservant"

9 With <u>Onesimus</u>, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.

- Onesimus ... V.9
- "Faithful"
- "Beloved brother"

10 <u>Aristarchus</u> my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and <u>Marcus</u>, <u>sister's</u> son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

- Aristarchus ... V.10
- Faithful"
- "Beloved brother"
- Marcus ... V.10
- Barnabas' Nephew
- "Receive him"

11 And Jesus, which is called **Justus**, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

- <u>Justus</u> ... V.11
- Jewish
- Fellowworker
- Comfort to Paul

12 **Epaphras**, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

- Epaphras ... V.12
- Servant
- · Praying for others
- Great zeal for Christians

13 For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

