

COLOSSIANS

MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Lesson Thirteen: "Parting Words"

Colossians 4:7-18

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4 ⁷ Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸ I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, ⁹ and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

¹⁰ Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), ¹¹ and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. ¹³ For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas.

¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

¹⁶ And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷ And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord."

¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

Table Discussion Questions

1. Just as the Apostle Paul began his letters in the same way, he also concluded his letters in the same way. What do these parting words tell us about the Apostle Paul and his message?
2. Why do we sign our names at the end of letters? Why does it matter that the Apostle Paul signed his letter to the Colossian church?
3. Do you believe the Bible is trustworthy? Why or why not?
4. Why does the Apostle Paul ask the Colossian church to “remember (his) chains”? What does this tell us about Paul’s passion for the Gospel? How does this encourage your passion for the Gospel?
5. How do the words “grace be with you” frame the book of Colossians? (See Colossians 1:2 & 4:18) What does this blessing have to teach us about our union with Christ?
6. Why does Paul conclude his letter with a list of people? What does this list tell us about the body of Christ?
7. What is it that connects us to both the Apostle Paul and to the Colossian church? How might this change the way you are connected to the church today?