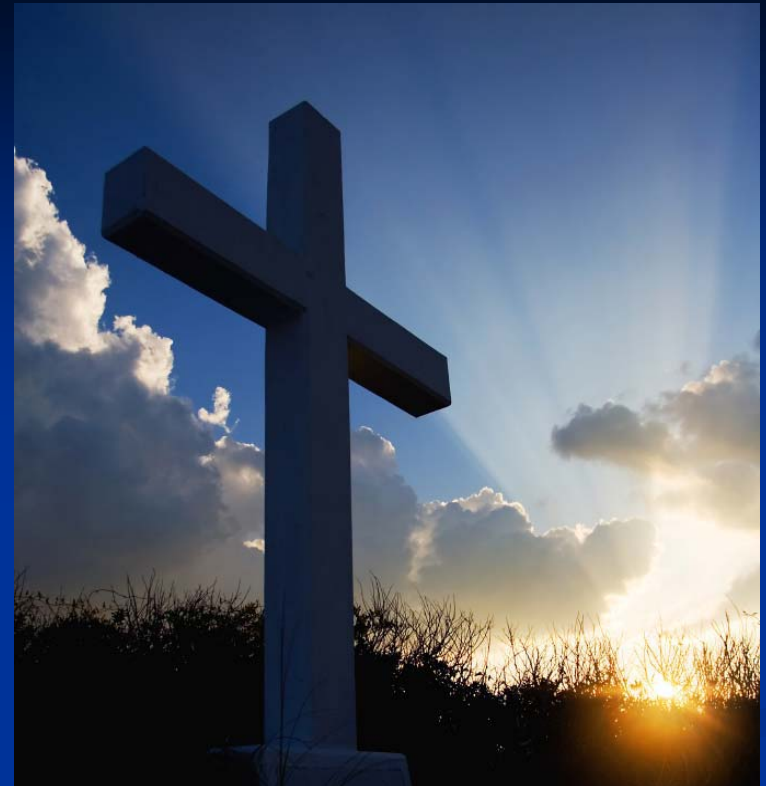


*Colossians:
Knowing Christ in
All His Fullness*



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Christ's Fullness in the Nitty Gritty of Life Colossians 4:2-18

Colossians 4:2 – 18

²Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:2 – 18

⁷Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. ⁹He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.

Colossians 4:2 – 18

¹⁰My 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.)

¹¹Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me.

Colossians 4:2 – 18

¹²Epaphras, 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. ¹³I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. ¹⁴Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. ¹⁵Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

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¹⁶After 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.

¹⁷Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord."

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

Everyday living characterized by ...

I. Devoted Prayer (2-4)

- Alert, or watchful prayer
- Thankful prayer
- Intercessory & mission-focused prayer

Everyday living characterized by ...

II. Wise Conduct (5)

- In relation to “outsiders”
- In relation to opportunities

Everyday living characterized by ...

III. Gracious Speech (6)

- Reflective of the character of God
- Appropriate to the conversation partner

Everyday living characterized by ...

III. Life in Ordinary Community (7-18)

- **Real names, real people**

*Tychicus, Onesimus, Aristarchus, Mark,
Jesus Justus, Epaphras, Luke, Demas,
Nympha, Archippus*

Everyday living characterized by ...

III. Life in Ordinary Community (7-18)

■ **Christ-like Community**

Love (7, 9)

Team Work (11)

*Loyalty/Faithfulness
(7, 9)*

Prayer (12)

*Servanthood
(7, 12-13)*

Cooperation (15-16)

Encouragement (8)

Admonition (17)

Hospitality (10-11, 14)



