

Life Messages (Part Two)

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Introduction:

Colossians 4:7-18 “As to all my affairs, Tychicus, *our* beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow bond-servant in the Lord, will bring you information. *For* I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts; and with him Onesimus, *our* faithful and beloved brother, who is one of your *number*. They will inform you about the whole situation here. Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends you his greetings; and *also* Barnabas’s cousin Mark (about whom you received instructions; if he comes to you, welcome him); and *also* Jesus who is called Justus; these are the only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are from the circumcision, and they have proved to be an encouragement to me. Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God. For I testify for him that he has a deep concern for you and for those who are in Laodicea and Hierapolis. Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and *also* Demas. Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea and also Nympha and the church that is in her house. When this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part read my letter *that is coming* from Laodicea. Say to Archippus, “Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.” I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my imprisonment. Grace be with you.”

I. Paul’s Faithful Couriers (Colossians 4:7-9)

- A. Tychicus: The Faithful Brother with the Servant’s Heart (Colossians 4:7-8)
- B. Onesimus: The Beloved Brother Freed by the Grace of God (Colossians 4:9)

II. Paul’s Friendly Greetings (Colossians 4:10-14)

- A. From His Three Hebrew Companions (4:10-11)
 - 1. Aristarchus: The Fellow Prisoner of the Lord (4:10)
 - 2. Mark: The Man Given a Second Chance (Colossians 4:10)
 - 3. Justus: The Relief Worker (Colossians 4:11)
- B. From His Three Gentile Companions (Colossians 4:12-14)
 - 1. Epaphras: The Prayer Warrior (Colossians 4:12-13)
 - 2. Dr. Luke: The Beloved Physician and Willing Servant (Colossians 4:14)
 - 3. Demas: The Spiritual Deserter (Colossians 4:14)

Now in Part Two:

III. Paul’s Filial Instructions (Colossians 4:15-17)

A. Greet the Brethren

Colossians 4:15 “Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea and also Nympha and the church that is in her house.”

B. Read the Letters to Others

Colossians 4:16 “And when this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part read my letter that is coming from Laodicea.”

C. Instruct Archippus

Colossians 4:17 “And say to Archippus, ‘Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.’”

Archippus a “fellow soldier” (Philemon 2)

2 Tim. 2:3-4 “Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.”

Archippus: The Distracted Disciple

IV. Paul’s Final Benediction (Colossians 4:18)

Colossians 4:18a “I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand.” (cf. Gal. 6:11)

Colossians 4:18b “Remember my imprisonment.”

Colossians 4:18c “Grace be with you.”

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