



Edgemont Bible Church
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Colossians

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Intro: Ending the letter with the verbal group photograph recognizing that any ministry needs the body working together, not just the lead man. Moses praying for the Israelites at war with Amalek needed Aaron and Hur to help hold up his hands. Moses needed Jethro and then the 70 elders of Israel to judge the people and prevent burnout. Paul recognized and followed what Eccl 4:9-12 taught.

XVI. Help from Friends

A. Friends with Servant's Hearts

1. Tychicus mean fortuitous or fortunate
2. He is mentioned 4 other times in the NT
 - a. Ac 20:4 Paul returning to Jerusalem with the gifts from the Gentile Churches taking representatives from the Churches among whom was Ty
 - b. His willingness to travel shows a servants heart - Eph 6:21-22; 2Ti 4:12; Tit 3:12
 - c. Is considered for replacing Titus in Crete when Paul call him - Tit 3:12
 - d. At the end of Paul's life, Tychicus is still with him - 2 Tim 4:12
3. His Credentials
 - a. He is a beloved brother,
 - b. faithful minister, - 1 Co 4:2
 - c. and fellow servant in the Lord, - **sundoulos** - a co-slave, i.e. servitor or ministrant of the same master (human or divine):--fellowservant.
4. Is Paul's emissary to the Church in Colossae - vs 7-8
 - a. will tell you all the news about me.
 - b. that he may know your circumstances
 - c. and comfort your hearts, - **parakaleo**

B. Friends with Sinful Past - vs 9

1. Onesimus,
 - a. a runaway slave - Phi 1:10-11, 15-16
 - b. got saved in Rome where he met Paul - Phi 1:10
2. His Credentials
 - a. faithful and beloved brother,
 - b. who is one of you. - Gal 3:28
 - c. They will make known to you all things which are happening here.

C. Friends with Sympathetic Hearts - vs 10a

1. Aristarchus
 - a. Jewish with a Greek name - 4:11
 - b. a native of Thessalonica - Acts 20:4; 27:2
 - c. One of Paul's fellow laborers - Phi 1:24

- d. Was possibly with Paul during his entire imprisonment
 - i. was recognized as Paul's companion when Paul was taken by the mob - Ac 19:29
 - ii. Was with Paul on the trip to Rome - Acts 27:2
 - iii. Was with Paul at the writing of Colossians
- 2. my fellow prisoner greets you, - **sun** (with)-**aichmalotos** - a prisoner of war, a captive - lit. one caught with a spear
 - a. probably not imprisoned
 - b. gave up his freedom to minister to Paul
- D. Friends with Surprising Future - vs 10b
 - 1. Mark
 - a. the cousin of Barnabas
 - b. a companion of Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey - Acts 12:25; 13:5
 - c. deserted them because ministry was difficult - Acts 13:13
 - d. his desertion because a point of conflict for Barnabas and Paul before the second missionary journey - Acts 15:37-39
 - e. When writing Colossians, Mark had changed and was restored to usefulness in the ministry possibly because of Barnabas (Ac 15:39) and Peter - 1Pe 5:13
 - f. when writing 2 Timothy, Paul tells Timothy to bring Mark with him, because he is useful - 4:11
 - 2. if he comes to you,
 - a. about whom you received instructions:
 - b. welcome him),
- E. Friends with Strong Commitment - vs 11
 - 1. Jesus who is called Justus.
 - 2. These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God
 - a. who are of the circumcision;
 - i. most Jews didn't believe the message preached by Paul - Act 28:24
 - ii. Some even plotted to kill him - Acts 23:12
 - b. they proved to be a comfort to me - **paregoria** - consolation, comfort.
- F. Friends with Single Passion - vs 12-13
 - 1. Epaphras,
 - a. who is one of you, - Col 1:7
 - i. was the founder of the Church in Colossae
 - ii. Probably the Pastor
 - b. a bondservant of Christ, - **doulos**
 - i. greets you,
 - ii. always laboring fervently for you in prayers,
 - **agonizomai** - to struggle, fight, labor fervently, strive.

- that you may stand perfect and complete
- in all the will of God.

2. For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal
 - a. for you,
 - b. and those who are in Laodicea,
 - c. and those in Hierapolis.

G. Friends with Specialized Talents - vs 14a

1. Luke
2. the beloved physician
3. still with Paul near the end of his life - 2Ti 4:11

H. Friends with Sad Future - vs 14b

1. Demas greet you.
2. only mentioned 3 times in the NT
 - a. here
 - b. Phi 1:24 - a fellow-laborers
 - c. 2Ti 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica

I. Concluding Statements - vs 15-18

1. Greet
 - a. the brethren who are in Laodicea,
 - b. and Nymphas and the church that is in his house.
2. Now when this epistle is read among you, - Col 4:1Th 5:27
 - a. see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans,
 - b. and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.
3. And say to Archippus, - Phm 1:2
 - a. "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, - 1Ti 4:6
 - b. that you may fulfill it."
4. the personal touch
 - a. This salutation by my own hand--Paul. - 1Co 16:21; Gal 6:11; 2Th 3:17
 - b. Remember my chains. - Heb 13:3
 - c. Grace be with you. Amen. - Heb 13:25