

“Shoulder-to-Shoulder for Christ.2”

The Cosmic Supremacy of Christ

Col. 4:12-18 • pt. 44

INTRODUCTION

- men serving faithfully...sometimes quietly

1. Epaphras: one eager to pray

- Epaphroditus?
Phil. 2:25
- Epaphras through the NT
Col. 1:7; 4:12; Phile. 23
- the content of his praying
- the concern in his praying
Rev. 3:13-17

2. Luke: one eager to stand beside

- Luke through the NT
Col. 4:14; Phile. 24; 2 Tim. 4:11

3. Demas: one eager for other things

- Demas through the NT
Col. 4:14; Phile. 24; 2 Tim. 4:10

- Jesus had His Judas...Paul had his Demas
Mk. 14:50; Mt. 6:24

“People do not drift toward holiness. Apart from grace-driven effort, people do not gravitate toward godliness, prayer, obedience to Scripture, faith, and delight in the Lord. We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated.”

– D.A. Carson

CONCLUSION

“Conditions for discipleship begin with ‘dying.’”

– Elisabeth Elliot