

COLOSSIANS

Mature in Christ

Fellow Greetings in Christ

Colossians 4:10-14

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in Heaven, you are good, true, righteous and present with your people this morning. Thank you for coming down to us, condescending, drawing us near, gathering us together and calling us your own. We confess our constant efforts toward independence. We long to do it ourselves. Have it our own way and make our own choices. We confess this morning our relentless independence is rebellion and foolish pride. We need you, Lord. We need those who have placed around us. We are not sufficient, adequate, nor able to live on our own. Lord, grant us faith and repentance this morning that we might see the foolishness of our self-reliance and turn to confidently rest in and trust your sovereign reign and rule and ordering of our lives. May we see those around us here this morning as your gifts to us not as burdens. May we rejoice in your provision and your goodness as we seek to love those in our church, in our homes, in our neighborhoods and in our workplaces for your glory and our good. Your presence is our greatest comfort and joy. May we live each day persuaded of your steadfast love, your faithfulness and your care for us in light of the preeminence of Christ and the gospel. *Amen & Amen.*

OUTLINE

1. Jewish Greetings (vv. 10-11)
2. Gentile Greetings (vv. 12-14)

Central Textual Truth

Paul calls the Colossians to receive his examples of Christ's preeminence.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to live with one another as examples of Christ's preeminence.