

Sunday (AM) 3/8/2009

## **Bondslaves of Christ**

Colossians 4:12-14

### **Review:**

Serving Jesus is what life is all about. This passage highlights the three Gentile servants who were Paul's fellow workers. They are "bondslaves" of Christ.

### **Outline Review & Application Questions:**

- I. Epaphras - the faithful intercessor.
  1. The status of a servant is dependent on the status of the Master. We esteem someone high if they are the "aide" or "assistant" to someone important. So the status of Christ's servants is based upon His preeminence. What do you normally think when someone is called a servant? Is it a positive thing?
  2. Epaphras is described as a bondslave of Christ. What does that mean? What would a life like this be?
  3. Pastor emphasized that prayer was warfare. He said that if we are not praying we are not using God's method of warfare. How important is prayer in your normal devotions? What are some things you can do to change it?
- II. Luke - the missionary physician.
  1. What kind of ministry can a layman have that a pastor does not?
  2. What kind of abilities do you have that God may be able to use to further the Gospel?
  3. Even though Luke was cultured and educated he was willing to go through hardships for the sake of the Gospel. What kind of hardships did he face?
- III. Demas - the worldly defector.
  1. There was something in Thessalonica that Demas liked so much that he left the ministry. Are any of us immune from leaving Christ's service?
  2. Does the thought that you have the potential inside of you to "pull a Demas" scare you?