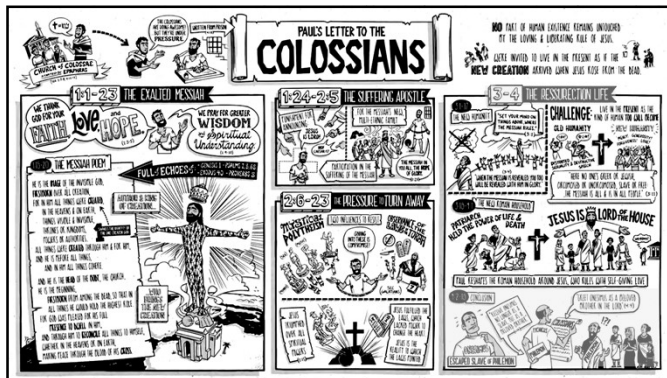


NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST

The Book of Colossians

NEW-CREATION LIVING
IN THE OLD-CREATION CONTEXT
(COLOSSIANS 4:2-6)

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INTRODUCTION

- Paul's final directives to the church
- This section must not be untethered from everything preceding it
- Not bare moralisms, but directions borne out of union with Christ and new-creational living
- The emphasis of what has preceded is *within* the family of God, while this section is distinctive in that it is oriented *outward* toward the unbelieving world

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PRAYING PERSONALLY (2)

Continue steadfastly (devote yourselves) in **prayer**,
being watchful (aware of surrounding circumstances) in it
with thanksgiving.

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PRAYING FOR THE MESSENGERS (3-4)

At the same time, **pray** also for us,
that God may *open to us a door* for the word,
to *declare the mystery* of Christ,
on account of which I am in prison—
that I may make it *clear*,
which is how I ought to speak.

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WALKING IN WISDOM (5)

Walk in wisdom toward *outsiders*,
making the *best use* (redeeming) of the time.

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SPEAKING GRACIOUSLY (6)

Let your **speech** always be *gracious*, seasoned with salt,
 so that you may know how
 you ought to *answer* each person.

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RESPONSE

- Being fruitful and growing (1:6) as we ourselves bear fruit and see it borne in the lives of others is the New-Creational fulfillment of the call of Genesis 1, and the reason for which Jesus Christ came into the world
- These are some of the clearest verses regarding the church's participation in the spread of the Good News, the Message, to the unbelieving world
- Prayer - Wise Living - Gracious Conversations - Prayer

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