



# *Christ in you... the hope of glory*

*A study in the book of Colossians*

## *Lesson Five*

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***My Dear Sisters in Christ:***

***Only one more lesson to go! Don't miss that this lesson has a Step 4!***

***Thank you for taking this journey through Colossians with me. My hope is that we have all grown in our knowledge of God and our love for our Jesus, who fills us with His fullness. May we let the truths that we learned together about who Jesus is give us a deeper appreciation for who we are in Him. Christ in us – the hope of glory!***

***Please know that my prayers for you will continue long after we complete this study. I will be asking the Lord to fill you with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance in the light. (Col. 1:9-12 CSB)***

***May God our Father continue to bless you in Christ with grace and peace.***

***Love,***

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#### ***Step One: Read the Word.***

**“In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (Colossians 2:3)**

**Read Colossians 4:2 – 4:18.** Remember to pray before you read God's Word, asking the Holy Spirit to open the scripture to your understanding.

Circle any key words and underline phrases that stick out to you. Use the column to the right to jot down any notes, scripture references, or questions you might have. You can use the “Bible Study Aids” in the “forward” to Lesson One to gain more understanding of the passage of scripture.

#### **Colossians 4:2-18**

Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

#### **Speaking to God and Others**

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains, <sup>4</sup> so that I may make it known as I should.

<sup>5</sup> Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.

### **Final Greetings**

<sup>7</sup> Tychicus, our dearly loved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. <sup>8</sup> I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are<sup>[a]</sup> and so that he may encourage your hearts. <sup>9</sup> He is coming with Onesimus, a faithful and dearly loved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you about everything here.

<sup>10</sup> Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends you greetings, as does Mark, Barnabas's cousin (concerning whom you have received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), <sup>11</sup> and so does Jesus who is called Justus. These alone of the circumcised are my coworkers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. <sup>12</sup> Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. He is always wrestling for you in his prayers, so that you can stand mature

and fully assured<sup>[b]</sup> in everything God wills. <sup>13</sup> For I testify about him that he works hard<sup>[c]</sup> for you, for those in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup> Luke, the dearly loved physician, and Demas send you greetings. <sup>15</sup> Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her home. <sup>16</sup> After this letter has been read at your gathering, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. <sup>17</sup> And tell Archippus, “Pay attention to the ministry you have received in the Lord, so that you can accomplish it.”

<sup>18</sup> I, Paul, am writing this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.<sup>[d]</sup>

***Step 2. Consider the Word.***

**“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” (Colossians 3:16)**

Re-read Colossians Chapter 4:2-18 and answer the questions below.

1. What three things should characterize our prayers, according to verse 2?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2.
  - a. What was Paul’s prayer request to the Colossians? (v.3)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Why did Paul ask for the prayer? (v. 4)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3.
  - a. How are Christians to treat “outsiders” (i.e. those not of the Christian faith?) (v. 5)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. How are Christians to use their time?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How should a Christian speak to others? Why? (v. 6)

5. How does Paul describe the following fellow saints? (v. 7-15)

a. Tychicus:

b. Onesimus:

c. Aristarchus:

d. Mark:

e. Epaphras:

f. Luke:

6. a. What does Paul tell Archippus to do in verse 17? Why?

- b. What are some practical ways we can “pay attention to the ministry we have received in the Lord?

7. What does Paul ask the Colossians to remember? (v. 18)

8. What benediction does Paul give the Colossians at the beginning and at the end of his letter?

**Memory Verse: Devote yourself to prayer, stay alert in it with thanksgiving. (Col. 4:2)**

Write the memory verse down below:

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### ***Step 3. Walk in the Word.***

**“So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him.” (Col. 2:6)**

Re-read Colossians 4:2-18 and answer the questions below, asking the Lord to apply them to your heart.

1.     a.     What are some practical ways we can “devote ourselves to prayer?” (v.2)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b.     What do you think it means to be “alert” in prayer? (v. 2 - See also 1 Peter 4:7)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c.     Why is important that thanksgiving be included in our prayers? (v.2)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2.     Paul wrote to the Colossians while he was in prison. What does his prayer request to the Colossians in verses 2- 3 tell you was his priority in terms of what he was asking from God? How might this change our own prayer life?

3. List some ways we can make the “most of our time” around our unbelieving friends and family. (v.5). Why is wisdom necessary?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. In verse 6, Paul tells us that our speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt.
  - a. The Greek word for gracious means “that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, goodwill and lovingkindness.”

How could you apply this definition and what we are told in Colossians 3:12-14 when speaking to others?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Jesus declared that we are “the salt of the earth” (Matt. 5:13)? If salt is a preservative and helps make something more palatable, how might our speech be included in Jesus’ description of believers? (See also Ephesians 4:29)

- c. Is there a difficult person or relationship in your life right now? Journal a prayer to God below asking for the wisdom and opportunity to sprinkle the “gracious salt” of your words in that situation.

5. Look again at your answers to Question 5 in Step Two (v. 7-14).

- a. Paul was clearly encouraged by those he co-ministered with when he saw their faithful service and acknowledged God’s work in their lives. How are you encouraged in the Lord when you see others walking in the faith?

- b. Who encourages you in the faith? Why?

- c. Is there someone you could encourage by sending them a note or praying with them?

#### **Step 4. Believe the Word.**

**“God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” (Col. 1:27)**

Consider who Christ is, and who you are in Christ from the scriptures we studied together. A few of those gems are below. How has this study changed your view of who you are in Christ? How does this give you hope of that glory?

*For the entire fullness of God’s nature dwells bodily in Christ, and you have been filled by him, who is the head over every ruler and authority. (Col. 2:9)*

*But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through his death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before him...(Col. 1:22)*

*So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflow with gratitude. (Col. 2:6-7)*

*So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (Col. 3:1)*

*Let the peace of Christ, to which you were called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you...(Col. 3:15-16)*

Write the memory verse below:

\_\_\_\_\_ **yourself to** \_\_\_\_\_, **stay alert in it with**

\_\_\_\_\_. **(Col. 4:2)**

What lesson or truth meant the most to you this week?

Journal a prayer below, thanking God for that truth.

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