

Colossians 3:18-4:18

Christ in Home and Work (Colossians 3:18-4:1)

- Submit
 - *Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother kept all these things in her heart. // Luke 2:51*
 - *When everything is subject to Christ, then the Son himself will also be subject to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. // 1 Corinthians 15:28*
- Doulos - slave or servant or bondservant
 - *14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. // John 13:14-16*
 - *Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. // Philippians 1:1*
 - *"Under Roman law slaves possessed the right to protest to the authorities when their masters treated them cruelly." // Deterding, Colossians*
 - *"Slaves performed not only menial, physical labor but also served in "white collar" professions such as artisans, administrators, tutors, doctors, writers, and scholars." // Deterding, Colossians*
 - *"Slavery was taken for granted in the Roman Empire during NT times...with perhaps 85-90 percent of the population of Rome consisting of people who were slaves or of slave origin." // Deterding, Colossians*
 - *"The master/slave relationship encountered by Paul was, in some significant ways, closer to our modern employer/employee relationship." // Deterding, Colossians*

- *20 Let each of you remain in the situation in which he was called. 21 Were you called while a slave? Don't let it concern you. But if you can become free, by all means take the opportunity. 22 For he who is called by the Lord as a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called as a free man is Christ's slave. // 1 Corinthians 7:20-22*

Praying (Colossians 4:2-6)

- ALL Y'ALL be persevering...
- Proskartereite: present imperative active means an action that is to be regular and ongoing.
- "The goal of the apostle's request for prayer here is not simply for opportunities to speak the Gospel but also for courage to take advantage of such occasions as may present themselves." // Deterding, Colossians
- *but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect. // 1 Peter 3:15*

Many Workers in Ministry (Colossians 4:7-18)

- *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. // 1 Peter 2:9*
- *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace // 1 Peter 4:10*