**Better Together – Colossians 4:7-18**

Remember this was one of 4 Prison epistles. They were getting attacks from false doctrine so Paul was writing to help. Started with who Jesus is, and who we are as New Creations in Christ. We are to put off the old man and put on the new, and this should cause us to live different! Next it was “God’s Plan for Relationships” – how living this way looks like in our relationships. Finally, last week was about Prayer. Today, as we close out Colossians, Paul gives a shout out to many of his fellow workers in Christ.

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      1. Vs. 7 – “All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:”
      2. Vs. 10 – “Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you……”
      3. Phil. 1:27 – “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;”
   2. We have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. Vs. 7 – “All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you…..”
      2. Vs. 9 – “……They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.”
      3. 1 Cor. 1:18 – “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”
      4. Rom. 1:16 – “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth…..”
   3. We need to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. 2 Cor. 5:20 – “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.”
      2. Psalms 69:6 – “Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.”
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      1. Vs. 7 – “…..who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister …….”
      2. Vs. 9 – “With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you…..”
      3. 2 Tim. 2:2 – “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”
   2. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. Vs. 12 – “Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.”
      2. Vs. 13 – “For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea and them in Hierapolis.”
      3. Col. 3:23 – “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;”
   3. They were able to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. Vs. 8 – “Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;”
      2. Vs. 11 – “……These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.”
      3. 2 Cor. 1:4 – “Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”
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      1. Vs. 16 – “And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.”
      2. Psalm 119:11 – “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”
      3. 1 Tim. 4:13 – “Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”
   2. Make sure to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. Vs. 17 – “And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.”
      2. 2 Cor. 5:18 – “And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;”
   3. Make sure to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. Vs. 18 – “The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.”
      2. Isaiah 53:5 – “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

**If you’ve never accepted Christ for salvation, let me share with you the simple ABC’s of Salvation**

**A – Admit you’re a sinner undeserving of going to Heaven (Rom. 3:23, 6:23)**

**B – Believe Jesus died for your sins and rose again, proving that He was God (Rom. 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4)**

**C – Confess Him as your Saviour, trusting Him as your way to Heaven (Rom. 10:9-10, Acts 16:31)**

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