



# Colossians

*Spiritual Change*

*4:2-9*

# REVIEW

- **Christ in you**, the hope of Glory (1:27)
- Holy; Chosen; Beloved
- Compassion; Kindness; Humility; Gentleness; Patience; Bearing with; Forgiving; and the **Love Cloak**
- The Peace of God – be thankful! (3:15)
- The Word of Christ with grace (16)
- Whatever you do...in His Name giving thanks
- Changes in the Family must come first
- This is followed by changes in the workplace
  - Rewards, not wages – heart attitude; work for Him

# ATTITUDE

- Devote - *proskartereo* – with endurance
  - Present active imperative
  - It is not prayer that fails, but our failure to pray!
  - Acts 2:42; 46
  - How devoted are we to prayer?
- Things to do:
  - Have a place where you pray that is quiet
  - Set up a time each day to devote to prayer
  - Get a PRAYER PARTNER to keep you accountable
  - Prayer can be anytime, anyplace... so pray!

# PRAYER

- *Proseuche* – 37x
  - This word emphasizes the devotion aspect
  - Can be used for prayer and the place of praying
  - The focus is on talking to God
- Keeping alert (*gregoreuo*) watching
  - How many times do we see this! (1Peter 4:7)
  - Even in the Garden we see watchful praying
  - We must be INFORMED and AWARE
  - Seeing things thru God's Eyes and Heart
- And be thankful!!! (3:15,16,17)

# INTERCESSIONAL

- *Proseuchomai* – verb form (87 x)
  - Pray for us – wow, even Paul needed prayer!
  - ... so do pastors.... Just a thought....
- Focus:
  - For doors of ministry to be opened
  - That ministers may do their job – speaking!
  - Even in the midst of negative circumstances
  - Note: he doesn't ask for prayer to be released!
  - Just so he will know how and when to speak...
- Does this teach us anything about prayer?



## DEALING WITH “OTHERS”...

- NOTE: Dealing with Family, Work and God prepares us for dealing with others... if not...
- “in wisdom walk towards those without”
  - Wisdom is essential in our walk, they watch!
- “ransom the time” - Time never comes again – one chance
- After your walk – your speech!
  - With grace... *charis*
  - Salt? Prepared, made savory – not too much or too little... proportioned to the need.
  - Know how to answer, they will have questions!