**MESSAGE OUTLINE**




**Colossians 4:2ff NKJV**

*2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; 3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, 4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. 5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. 7 Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. 8 I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, 9 with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here. 10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), 11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me. 12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. 13 For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis. 14 Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. 15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church that is in his house. 16 Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. 17 And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it." 18 This salutation by my own hand–Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.*

**INTRODUCTION**

**Colossians Overview**
Chapter 1 - is all about Jesus
Chapter 2 - Paul is refuting two issues contrary to faith: philosophy and religious observance for forgiveness.
Chapter 3 - We are instructed how to live as God's spiritual people, setting our minds on things above.

In other words, all of us are to worship Him, no matter what is going on around us (ch.3), that is all you need (ch.2), because we know He is above all things (ch.1).

Today in chapter 4, Paul will give us two more instructions: how to pray and how to walk.

Remember: we cannot pray right in this world, and we cannot walk right in this world, unless we first have a habit of worship by looking outside of this world–to the throne of grace.

**The throne out there is our source of power down here.**

**THE WALK**
The term reputation is a Latin word meaning one's consideration of you.
Paul says in v.5, *Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.*

**James 3:17** (LB) *But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure and full of quiet gentleness. Then it is peace-loving and courteous. It allows discussion and is willing to yield to others; it is full of mercy and good deeds. It is wholehearted and straightforward and sincere.*

**Do you believe that people would say you have this kind of rep, Christ follower?**

**What is your idea of Godly wisdom?** Notice that it doesn't sound so alien or miraculous.

Look up to the Throne and ask the Lord for it to have it—especially when you don't feel like it—
**SO THAT YOU CAN!**

That in itself is a miracle.

Will you be willing to go to the Throne for this wisdom, even right now?

Worship of Jesus Christ is the ONLY WAY to obtain such wisdom: Looking UP out-of-this-world to act different from HERE in the world.

That is the power of your worship!

Are you tired of failing in your walk? Do you know how to overcome such struggle? What is the answer? Here it is: **it's to look up.**

*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.* **Romans 12:14**

**How can you speak well of someone persecuting you, without His power from above...?**

**THE TALK**
*Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*

The Christlike heart is attuned to grace, that same grace that He had for us: while we were still sinners, He died for us. Our talk towards others needs to have *His* grace. Not what *you* think is grace.

Salt resembles harmony between differences, create a harmonious atmosphere with anyone in the world. So that when you can get the opportunity to share the gospel, they will want to listen.

**How can you share the gospel with someone after you spoke in a way that was cunning, rude, judgmental, manipulative, aggressive, or showing you're offended?**

We should also be redeeming the time. Timing is also an important factor. You need to be able to read the air So ask for God to reveal the timing to you of might be willing to surrender to Jesus Christ.

This works between believers as well. In such a situation, when you feel attacked by another believer, and you respond with grace and speak words seasoned with salt, then they might be able to yield to the Holy Spirit.

**PRAYER**
*Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;*

**Ephesians 6:18,** and Paul wrote in more detail. To them he said they need to be *praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.*

In the Ephesians verse, Pauls says we should be praying in the Spirit—speaking our prayer in worship.

**Are you requests being made known to the throne in worship, in the Spirit, or just to the air?**

Our prayer requests needs to be done expecting His Kingdom to come, His will be done, on earth, as He is reigning in Heaven.

This is how we experience the "already" power of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

Our prayers are not to ever cease— always be in prayer and not be slack in it.
The devil is not going to stop, and neither can we.

**Ephesians 6:11-12** *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

**Are you as a follower, vigilant in prayer? Do you have a "rep" of being a man or woman in prayer?** Perhaps, you need a wake-up call!

Today, please allow me to introduce to you a new TBC prayer ministry CO42, based on Colossians 4:2. CO42 also signifies Collectively prayer for (4) each other (2).

You can submit your prayer requests going to **https://t-b-c.us/co42**

**CO42**

Prayer Requests

**Would you like to sign up for the prayer team? We need your help!**
AND/OR: sign-up for the **prayer team** - **https://t-b-c.us/co42tm**

**CONCLUSION**

**The Team**
**Tychicus**, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord. **Onesimus**, faithful and beloved brother. **Aristarchus, Mark and Jesus who is called Justus**: Paul's fellow Jewish co-workers for the kingdom of God. **Epaphras**, a bondservant of Christ, always laboring fervently for you in prayer. **Luke** is the beloved physician... we all know what Luke has done, we have his letters today. **Nymphas** and the church that is in his house. **Archippus**, to fulfill the ministry he received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

They all have a special role. **What is your role in the ministry of TBC?**

**Dream? Vision? No... a Mystery**
*Meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.* **(v.3)**

**Ephesians 3:6, 9-10** the mystery is *"that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel.."* v.9-10 "*the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ... the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

**What is so great for *US* that Jesus Christ has power over all things. Why should we even care?**

**Ephesians 3:12**, in Jesus, *we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.*

The power Jesus Christ has been given is all about prayer! This is our blessing as a child of God!

Ethos means the "spirit" of a culture and is more proper of a word than "rep." **Let prayer be our ethos.**

**INVITATION**
*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life*. **(John 3:16)**

Your hope will not be a dream, it will be the truth. Call upon the name of Jesus, and you shall be saved!

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