

Sunday School Lesson

February 26, 2023

Spiritual Disciplines for New Life

Colossians 4:2-6

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Question for Us Today

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How should our lives be different once we have declared ourselves to be true Christians?

Sunday School Lesson Objectives

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To understand the behavioral directives of the Apostle Paul to the church in Colossae.

To understand how we may best apply these messages to ourselves.

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 1

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Colossae

3. Points of Information: Colossians

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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4. Lesson Context

5. Lesson Text

6. Remember These Things

Points of Information – Colossae

Colossae (also spelled and pronounced Colosse) was an ancient city in Asia Minor – now modern day Turkey.

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Colossae was located 10-11 miles east of Laodicea and much farther east of Ephesus.

Points of Information – Colossians

The Apostle Paul wrote this letter while he was imprisoned (under house arrest) in Rome. This is one of the four letters known as the Captivity (Prison) Epistles in the New Testament. The other Prison Letters are Ephesians, Philippians and Philemon.

Points of Information – Colossians

With this Epistle (letter), the Apostle Paul disputed false teachings (especially leading into Gnosticism), which had become prevalent, and strengthened the understanding and beliefs of the Colossian people in Christ Jesus.

Points of Information – Colossians

A man from Colossae, Epaphras, visited the Apostle Paul during his Roman imprisonment and told him what was going on in his city. Paul had never visited Colossae. Epaphras – not Paul – is the one who established the Colossian church.

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The letter to the Colossian church was delivered by a man named Tychicus. He also took a letter to Ephesus, to the Ephesian church.

Ephesians 6:21-22; Colossians 4:7-8

Points of Information – Colossians

The letter to the Colossian church is where the Apostle Paul tells us that Luke is a physician:

“Luke, the beloved doctor, sends his greetings...”

Colossians 4:14

Paul directed that this letter was to also be read by the people of nearby Laodicea.

Colossians 4:16

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Lesson Context - 1

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In this letter, the Apostle Paul has addressed issues brought to his attention by Epaphras.

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Lesson Context - 2

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Now, in closing this letter, the Apostle Paul addresses how the Colossian Christians should conduct themselves with their behavior.

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Text – UMI Outline #1

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Colossians 4:2-4

Continue in Prayer

Colossians 4:2 (NLT)

**Devote yourselves to prayer
with an alert mind and a
thankful heart.**

Colossians 4:3-4

Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about His mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains.

Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.

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Text – UMI Outline #2

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Colossians 4:5-6

Speak with Grace

Colossians 4:5-6

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.

Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Remember these things:

The late, great Sunday School teacher Brother Ernie Ford used to quote the saying: "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one."

How we conduct ourselves as Christians in the presence of nonbelievers can have a considerable impact on them.

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