

# **LESSONS FROM CLOSING REMARKS**

**Colossians 4:7-18**

# “IT TAKES A VILLAGE...” (COL. 4:7-15)

**Christianity is not intended to be lived in isolation or defended alone.**

***Tychicus***

- Jesus didn't send out His disciples alone (**Luke 10:1**).

***Onesimus***

- We need each other! (**Prov. 27:17; Ecc. 4:9-10**)

***Aristarchus***

- Paul needed his brethren (**Col. 4:7-15**), and the gospel flourished by them leaning upon each other (**Phil. 1:12-14**).

***Mark***

***Barnabas***

- This is the consistent pattern of the New Testament

***Jesus (Justus)***

(**Acts 2:42-47, 4:5-12, 18-35, 8:1-4, 9:26-31, 16:1-5**).

***Epaphras***

***Luke***

***Demas***

***Nymphas***

# **DISAGREEMENTS CAN BE OVERCOME (COL. 4:10)**

**Remember the contention between Paul, John Mark, and Barnabas?  
(Acts 13-15)**

**Yet, they eventually resolved their issues.  
(Col. 4:10; Phile. 24; 2 Tim. 4:11; 1 Cor. 9:6)**

**This should motivate us to work towards resolving our disagreements.  
(Matt. 5:23-24; Phil. 4:2-3)**

# **PEOPLE CAN CHANGE (COL. 4:14)**

**People change.**

**Some change for the better (1 Tim. 1:12-16; 1 Cor. 6:11).**

**Some change for the worse (Col. 4:14; Phile. 24; 2 Tim. 4:9-11).**

**Demas serves as an example of why continual self-examination is so important (1 Cor. 10:12).**

# **THIS EPISTLE APPLIED TO ALL CHURCHES (COL. 4:16)**

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New Testament epistles were physically circulated or verbally repeated to Christians in other places (**Col. 4:16; 2 Cor. 1:1; Gal. 1:1-2; Rev. 1:4**).

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New Testament epistles addressed specific problems in specific churches, but the instructions were / are applicable to everyone (**1 Cor. 1:2**).

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**Time, geography, culture, etc. will never change the truth!**

# MINISTRY MUST BE FULFILLED (COL. 4:17)



## *Care:*

- For God's word (**Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim. 2:15; Acts 20:26-27**).
- Handling sensitive subjects and people (**Eph. 5:8-12; Jude 22-23; Col. 4:6**).



## *Introspection:*

- Without it, one can condemn himself (**1 Cor. 9:27; Js. 3:1; Phil. 1:15-18**).



## *Work:*

- Preaching requires work! (**2 Tim. 4:5; Acts 20:31**)

**Men who fulfill their ministries deserve our respect and appreciation! (Rom. 10:14-15)**

# “REMEMBER MY CHAINS” (COL. 4:18)

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Paul suffered as he wrote this epistle, yet all he asked was for his brethren to “*remember*,” or pray, for him (**Col. 4:18**).

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He did this because he knew the power of prayer (**James 5:16; Phil. 1:19**).

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**Let’s make sure we “*remember*” people when they need it most.**