



Colossians 4:7-18

Fellow Workers for the Kingdom of God

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7 Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. 8 I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, 9 and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

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10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), 11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. 12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. 13 For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis.

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14 Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. 15 Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. 16 And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. 17 And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”

18 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

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The Christian life is one of dependence: First upon the Lord, and upon other believers (church)

- Church “an intentionally intrusive, Christ-centered, grace driven, redemptive community of faith”
- In light of the gospel, how do you view your role and responsibility to this local body of believers?
- What can we glean from the immediate context and a greater context on how we should view our role and responsibility to our local church?

Tychicus (v7)

- *He is a beloved brother and faithful minister*
- *Fellow servant in the Lord*

V11 (Tychicus, Onesimus, Aristarchus, Mark, Justus) My fellow workers for the kingdom of God

- All of us are called to be “*workers for the kingdom of God*”
- We will have differing roles, gifts, and responsibilities, but we are to function together as one body

Body of Christ-1 Corinthians 12

*4 Now there are **varieties of gifts**, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are **varieties of service**, but the same Lord; 6 and there are **varieties of activities**, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 **To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.***

*11 All these are empowered by one and the same **Spirit**, who **apportions to each one individually as he wills.***

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

V14-19 Human body/Body of Christ Analogy

*21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are **indispensable***

*25 **that there may be no division in the body**, but that the members may have the **same care for one another.** 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.*

V12 Epaphras

A servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. V13... he has worked hard for you

V15 Nympha

Give my greetings to.. Nympha and the church in her house

The church cannot function as it should/could unless each member of the body is working properly (Eph 4:16)

The treasure of Christ must be continually seen and savored

In that, we all joyfully lay aside every weight and run this race (Heb 12)