



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, God, I pray that You will help us be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in our prayer life, being alert and intent in our prayers with thanksgiving. Led us and guide us this day, Your will for us and plans. Bless and keep each one and protect them. Bless all the Father's on their special day Sunday. In Jesus' name I ask it. Amen.

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Scripture

Colossians 4 (KJV; 2005)

Colossians 4:1-18 (KJV)

- ¹ Masters, give unto *your* servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.
- ² Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;
- ³ Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:
- ⁴ That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.
- ⁵ Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.
- ⁶ Let your speech *be* alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.
- ⁷ All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, *who is* a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow-servant in the Lord:
- ⁸ Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;
- ⁹ With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is *one* of you. They shall make known unto you all things which *are done* here.
- ¹⁰ Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)
- ¹¹ And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only *are my* fellow-workers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.
- ¹² Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, a lways labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.
- ¹³ For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them *that are* in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.
- ¹⁴ Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.
- ¹⁵ Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.
- ¹⁶ And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the *epistle* from Laodicea.
- ¹⁷ And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.
- ¹⁸ The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

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Personal Matters: In the early years of the church, local churches had to meet where they could. Usually they met in the home of a church member several of whom are mentioned: Nymphas in Laodicea (Colossians 4:15), Philemon in Colosse (Philemon 2), Gaius in Corinth (Romans 16:23), and Aquila and Priscilla in Ephesus (1 Corinthians 16:19) and later in Rome (Romans 16:5). It was not until the 3rd century that church buildings came into general use. Yet the church grew marvelously. Many small congregations are better than a few large ones!
(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries; page 824)

V. 3 Paul was chained to a Roman guard day and night during the writing of this letter. V. 5 "Without" refers to those who are outside the Body of Christ. V. 6 Our speech should be tasteful. V. 9 Onesimus was once a runaway slave belonging to Philemon. V. 11 "Jesus" was a popular name in the days of Paul; it is "Joshua" in Hebrew. VV. 12-13 Epaphras labored fervently in prayer for the Colossians, for he dearly loved them. "Zeal" means love. V. 14 Luke, the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts, was a physician. V. 18 Paul probably reminded the Colossians of his chains, because he had difficulty signing his name clearly with the shackles on his arms.
(New testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; notes & commentaries; pages 121-122)

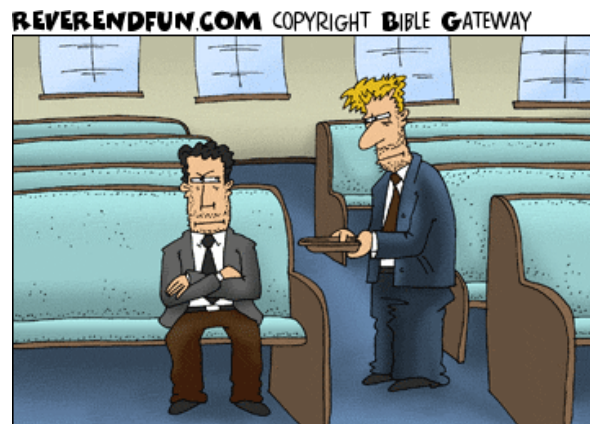
Colossians 4:6 gives us good instruction about our speech. Do you always think before you speak? If not, you may experience trouble you could avoid. Very often we are not sensitive to other people when we open our mouths and say things. We might give correction at a time when a person needs edification or we may tell them something that causes them to worry at a time when they have many other situations they are dealing with. Not only do we need to use wisdom with our words, but timing is very important. We may need to discuss a matter with someone, but if we do it at the wrong time we will only create more problems. Ask God to give you wisdom to know when to speak, to whom to speak, and what to say.

Colossians 3:22 tells us that we are to be good, faithful, loyal, profitable, and hardworking employees. We are to do our jobs well and with a good attitude. We are not to be two-faced, showing our employers what we think they want to see and then showing something different when they are not around. We need to be real, sincere, honest, and trustworthy all the time.

I think it is sad when those of us who have jobs grumble about them when there are so many people who do not have jobs. We should be grateful for our work and thankful we are able to do it. Thank God today for the work He has given you to do!

(Amplified Bible; "The Everyday Life Bible"; 2005; Scriptures, notes, commentaries; Joyce Meyer Ministries; pages 1972-1973)

(The Word; Word Search 9; Bible Software; 2008; Amplified Bible, KJV, American Standard, Darby.....and many more)



SEVENTY TWO LONG HOURS LATER AND STILL
THE STANDOFF CONTINUED ...

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR COLOSSIANS:

1. Paul's prayer life is a wonder example for us. What five things did he pray for the Colossians in Colossians 1:9-11

2. What were the three things that Paul gave thanks to the Father for in Colossians 1:12-14?

3. Compare Colossians 1:16-17 with John 1:1-3. What do they testify about Jesus?

4. Colossians chapter 3 is full of rules for holy living. Write out verses 2 and 3 and memorize them.

5. We are exhorted in Colossians 3:17 that whatsoever we do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus. What is the reason given in 3:23-24 for this exhortation?

Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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