

## Praying And Talking

### Colossians 4:2-6

Intro:

- A. Paul has revealed to his readers how domestic relationships affect congregational harmony.
  - 1. The wives should rank themselves after their husbands.
  - 2. The husbands are to, because of love, refrain from harshness towards their wives.
  - 3. The children were to please Christ by obeying their fathers. (parents)
  - 4. The fathers (parents) should not irritate their children so that they loose heart.
  - 5. Slaves should do their service to their masters with dedication and faith in Jesus.
  - 6. Masters should respect and recompense the slaves with justice and equity.
  
- B. As Paul closes this subject and the instructive part of his letter he writes of prayer and of talking.
  - 1. Vs. 3 Praying is before utterance.
  - 2. Vs. 5-6 Walking is before talking.
  - 3. Tongues tied to good hearts!

## I. The Colossians And Prayer.

- A. Vs. 2 "Continue in prayer..."
  - 1. "Continue" = προσκαρτερω = "to be strong or firm towards anything", "to persevere or endure".
  - 2. "Prayer" = προσευχη = "speaking out to..."
  - 3. "Be earnest and unwearied in prayer..." - Wey
  
- B. "...and watch in the same with thanksgiving."
  - 1. "Watch" = γρηγορω = "to keep awake".
  - 2. Had the story of Peter, James and John become a part of the, "teaching stories"?
  - 3. "Thanksgiving" = ευχαριστια = "gratitude and also giving of thanks".
  - 4. "Be goth alert and thankful as you pray." - Phi
  - 5. Whining is not praying.
  
- C. Vs. 3 "Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance..."
  - 1. "and by all means, pray also for us" = TCNT
  - 2. "Open" = ανοιγω = "to open" An open door was symbolic for opportunity.



3. "Utterance" = λογου = Word.
  4. "that God may give us an opening for our message..." - TCNT
- D. "to speak the mystery of Christ..."
1. "Speak" = λεγω = "to lay together", "relate", "to state the truths of God".
  2. "Mystery" = μυστηριον = "secret".
  3. "To tell the truth about the secret that Jesus revealed to me."
- E. "for which I am also in bonds:"
1. "for these very truths..."
  2. "Bonds" = δεω = "to bind"
  3. "the truths for which I am in chains." - TCNT
  4. Eph. 6:18-20
  5. If Paul had not made his message one that included the Gentiles and left it only a call to form another Jewish sect he would not have been imprisoned by Rome.
- F. Vs. 4 "That I may make it manifest..."
1. "Manifest" = φανερω = "to make clear".
  2. "to make the secret plain."
- G. "...as I ought to speak."
1. δει = "it needs", "it is necessary from the nature of things".
  2. "Speak" = λεγω = "state truth".

## II. The Colossians And Their Walk.

- A. Vs. 5 "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without..."
1. "Walk" = περιπατεω = "to conduct one's life".
  2. "Wisdom" = σοφια = "application of knowledge".
  3. "Without" = εξω = "outside", "without".
  4. Conduct yourself wisely toward the outsiders". (outside the assembly)
- B. "Redeeming the time."
1. "Redeeming" = εξαγοραζω = "to buy at the market place".
  2. "Time" = καιρος = "time", "the right time", "a suitable or right time".
  3. "purchasing the best opportunity."
  4. If we are to buy time, with what shall we buy it? Certainly not with money. We can only buy time with time. Paul means they should plan their

lives so that they will have opportunity to serve God.

### III. The Colossians And Their Talk.

- A. Vs. 6 "Let your speech be always with grace..."
1. "Speech" = λογος = "word", "exposition".
  2. "Grace" = χαρις = "a kind, affectionate pleasing nature", "courteous disposition".
  3. "Speak pleasantly to them..."
- B. "...seasoned with salt..."
1. "Seasoned" = αρτυω = "to prepare fitly", "to dress savoury meat", "applicable to the conversation as salt to cooking, not contrived or out of the way to what one wishes to teach."
  2. Mark 9:47-50
  3. Luke 14:34-35
  4. Salt here means honesty and integrity. It is the truth that has the power to accomplish God's plan. When truth is compromised it loses its saltiness. It is without value. We should always speak kindly and with love, but we should never water-down the truth.
- C. "...that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."
1. "Know" = οιδα = "to have absolute knowledge".
  2. "Ought" = δει = "necessary to the time".
  3. "Answer" = αποκρινομαι = "to give a judicial answer".
  4. "and learn the truth so you may be able to give an explicit reply to those you talk with."
  5. This is much more than a cursory testimony on how to be saved.