

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4

IN COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4, THE APOSTLE PAUL WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH TIMOTHY ADDRESSED THE MASTER AND SLAVE (SERVANT) RELATIONSHIP OF WHICH WHEN READ IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN THE HOUSE OF PHILEMON AT COLOSSE, WOULD REQUIRE PHILEMON TO SUBMIT TO THE WORD OF GOD AND EMBRACE ONESIMUS WHO ALSO HAD A LETTER FROM PAUL (TWO (2) WITNESSES IN WRITING AND TWO (2) WITNESSES IN THE PERSONS OF TYCHICUS AND ONESIMUS).

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 1-2

IN COLOSSIANS 4:1-2, THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ADDRESSING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MASTERS AND SERVANTS (SLAVES) WHO WERE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN COLOSSE.

THE APOSTLE PAUL REMINDED THOSE BRETHREN WHO WERE MASTERS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE, THAT THEY TO HAVE A MASTER IN HEAVEN IN JESUS CHRIST THAT WILL BE THEIR JUDGED.

Col 4:1-2 (KJV) 1 MASTERS, GIVE UNTO YOUR SERVANTS THAT WHICH IS JUST AND EQUAL; KNOWING THAT YE ALSO HAVE A MASTER IN HEAVEN.

Col 4:2 (KJV) 2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON MASTER AND SERVANT RELATIONSHIP FOR THOSE BELONGING TO THE CHURCH OF GOD.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ADDRESSED THE MASTER AND SERVANT RELATIONSHIP IN HIS EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT **EPHESUS.**

Eph 6:5-9 (KJV) 5 SERVANTS, BE OBEDIENT TO THEM THAT ARE YOUR MASTERS ACCORDING TO THE FLESH, WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING, IN SINGLENESS OF YOUR HEART, AS UNTO CHRIST;

Eph 6:6 (KJV) 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

Eph 6:7 (KJV) 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

Eph 6:8 (KJV) 8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

Eph 6:9 (KJV) 9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: **KNOWING THAT YOUR MASTER ALSO IS IN HEAVEN; NEITHER IS THERE RESPECT OF PERSONS WITH HIM.**

THE APOSTLE PAUL ADDRESSED THE MASTER AND SERVANT (SLAVE) RELATIONSHIP IN HIS EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY.

1 Tim 6:1-2 (KJV) 1 **LET AS MANY SERVANTS AS ARE UNDER THE YOKE COUNT THEIR OWN MASTERS WORTHY OF ALL HONOUR,** that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

1 Tim 6:2 (KJV) 2 **AND THEY THAT HAVE BELIEVING MASTERS, LET THEM NOT DESPISE THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE BRETHREN;** but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ADDRESSED THE MASTER AND SERVANT RELATIONSHIP IN HIS EPISTLE TO TITUS.

Titus 2:9-10 (KJV) 9 **EXHORT SERVANTS TO BE OBEDIENT UNTO THEIR OWN MASTERS, AND TO PLEASE THEM WELL IN ALL THINGS;** not answering again;

Titus 2:10 (KJV) 10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

James 5:4-6 (KJV) 4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

James 5:5 (KJV) 5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

James 5:6 (KJV) 6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

THE APOSTLE PETER ALSO ADDRESSED THE MASTER AND SERVANT RELATIONSHIP IN HIS FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD IN THE GENTILE REGIONS.

1 Peter 1:1 (KJV) 1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, TO THE STRANGERS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT PONTUS, GALATIA, CAPPADOCIA, ASIA, AND BITHYNIA,

1 Peter 2:18 (KJV) 18 SERVANTS, BE SUBJECT TO YOUR MASTERS WITH ALL FEAR; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 3-4

IN COLOSSIANS 4:3-4, THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS IN PRISON IN ROME, ITALY WHEN HE WROTE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ALSO ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH BEING A SLAVE TO HIS MASTER JESUS CHRIST.

Col 4:3-4 (KJV) 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:

Col 4:4 (KJV) 4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE PAUL IN BONDS IN PRISON WHEN HE WROTE TO THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT COLOSSE, THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI, THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS AND THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS TO JEWISH BRETHREN.

▪ EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Phil 1:12-14 (KJV) 12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

Phil 1:13 (KJV) 13 So that MY BONDS in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

Phil 1:14 (KJV) 14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident BY MY BONDS, are much more BOLD TO SPEAK THE WORD WITHOUT FEAR.

- EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS

Eph 6:19-20 (KJV) 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Eph 6:20 (KJV) 20 FOR WHICH I AM AN AMBASSADOR IN BONDS: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

- EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

Heb 13:3 (KJV) 3 REMEMBER THEM THAT ARE IN BONDS, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

WE MUST HAVE BOLDNESS IN SPEECH FOR THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

WE WOULD HAVE THE BOLDNESS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN WE ARE PERSUADED OF THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL.

Acts 4:13 (KJV) 13 Now when they saw THE BOLDNESS of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

1 Thess 2:2 (KJV) 2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, WE WERE BOLD IN OUR GOD TO SPEAK UNTO YOU THE GOSPEL OF GOD WITH MUCH CONTENTION.

Eph 3:11-12 (KJV) 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

Eph 3:12 (KJV) 12 IN WHOM WE HAVE BOLDNESS and access with confidence by the faith of him.

1 John 4: 17 (KJV) 17 Herein is our love made perfect, THAT WE MAY HAVE BOLDNESS IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT: because as he is, so are we in this world.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSE 5

IN COLOSSIANS 4:5, THE APOSTLE PAUL ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE TIME AFTER THEY WERE CALLED BY GOD THE FATHER TO JESUS CHRIST AND ARE BAPTIZED.

WE ARE TO BE AN EXAMPLE TO THEM THAT DO NOT BELONG TO THE CHURCH OF GOD.

Col 4:5 (KJV) 5 Walk in wisdom TOWARD THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT, REDEEMING THE TIME.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON “THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT”.

WE ARE TO BE SPIRITUALLY CONSCIOUS OF HOW WE CONDUCT OURSELVES AMONGST THOSE OUTSIDE THE FAITH OF CHRIST, NOT TO PLEASE AND RESPECT THEM ABOVE CHRIST, BUT TO PLEASE CHRIST.

❖ THOSE WITHOUT

OUR SPEECH AND CONDUCT TOWARDS THOSE THAT ARE WITHOUT OR OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OF GOD.

Matt 10:16 (KJV) 16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: BE YE THEREFORE WISE AS SERPENTS, AND HARMLESS AS DOVES.

ONLY THOSE WHO FULFIL THE CONDITION OF KEEPING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST AND ARE BAPTIZED WILL RECEIVE THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Mar 4:10-12 (KJV) 10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

Mar 4:11 (KJV) 11 And he said unto them, UNTO YOU IT IS GIVEN TO KNOW THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD: BUT UNTO THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT, ALL THESE THINGS ARE DONE IN PARABLES:

Mar 4:12 (KJV) 12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

WE DO NOT SPEND TIME JUDGING THOSE WHO ARE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OF GOD.

1 Cor 5:11-13 (KJV) 11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

1 Cor 5:12 (KJV) 12 FOR WHAT HAVE I TO DO TO JUDGE THEM ALSO THAT ARE WITHOUT? do not ye judge them that are within?

1 Cor 5:13 (KJV) 13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

WE MUST BE MINDFUL TO NOT BECOME A STUMBLING BLOCK TO THOSE WITHOUT THE CHURCH OF GOD.

1 Thess 4:11-12 (KJV) 11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

1 Thess 4:12 (KJV) 12 THAT YE MAY WALK HONESTLY TOWARD THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

1 Thess 5:22 (KJV) 22 ABSTAIN FROM ALL APPEARANCE OF EVIL.

THE OFFICE OF A BISHOP REQUIRES ONE ALSO TO HAVE A GOOD REPORT FROM THOSE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OF GOD IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.

1 Tim 3:1-7 (KJV) 1 This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

1 Tim 3:2 (KJV) 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

1 Tim 3:3 (KJV) 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

1 Tim 3:4 (KJV) 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

1 Tim 3:5 (KJV) 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

1 Tim 3:6 (KJV) 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1 Tim 3:7 (KJV) 7 MOREOVER HE MUST HAVE A GOOD REPORT OF THEM WHICH ARE WITHOUT; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:22 (KJV) 22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and OF GOOD REPORT AMONG ALL THE NATION OF THE JEWS, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

Acts 6:3 (KJV) 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men OF HONEST REPORT, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

EXAMPLE OF A GOOD REPORT OF ALL MEN BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CHURCH OF GOD BY THE EXAMPLE SET.

3 John 1:12 (KJV) 12 Demetrius HATH GOOD REPORT OF ALL MEN, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

❖ ALL MEN INCLUDES THOSE WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE CHURCH OF GOD

Rom 12:17-18 (KJV) 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

Rom 12:18 (KJV) 18 IF IT BE POSSIBLE, AS MUCH AS LIETH IN YOU, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL MEN.

1 Cor 9:22 (KJV) 22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

Gal 6:10 (KJV) 10 As we have therefore opportunity, LET US DO GOOD UNTO ALL MEN, ESPECIALLY UNTO THEM WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.

Phil 4:5 (KJV) 5 Let your moderation BE KNOWN UNTO ALL MEN. The Lord is at hand.

1 Thess 5:14-15 (KJV) 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

1 Thess 5:15 (KJV) 15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; BUT EVER FOLLOW THAT WHICH IS GOOD, BOTH AMONG YOURSELVES, AND TO ALL MEN.

1 Peter 2:17 (KJV) 17 HONOUR ALL MEN. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON “REDEEMING THE TIME”

Psa 90:12 (KJV) 12 SO TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS, THAT WE MAY APPLY OUR HEARTS UNTO WISDOM.

Eph 5:15-17 (KJV) 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

Eph 5:16 (KJV) 16 REDEEMING THE TIME, BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL.

Eph 5:17 (KJV) 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSE 6

IN COLOSSIANS 4:6, THE APOSTLE PAUL INSTRUCTED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE, THAT THEY

MUST BE SPIRITUALLY CONSCIOUS TO ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO ALWAYS LEAD THEIR SPEECH.

Col 4:6 (KJV) 6 Let your SPEECH be always with grace, SEASONED WITH SALT, THAT YE MAY KNOW HOW YE OUGHT TO ANSWER EVERY MAN.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON US BEING SPIRITUALLY CONSCIOUS ON OUR "SPEECH".

Mal 3:16-18 (KJV) 16 THEN THEY THAT FEARED THE LORD SPAKE OFTEN ONE TO ANOTHER: AND THE LORD HEARKENED, AND HEARD IT, AND A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE WAS WRITTEN BEFORE HIM FOR THEM THAT FEARED THE LORD, AND THAT THOUGHT UPON HIS NAME.

Mal 3:17 (KJV) 17 And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Mal 3:18 (KJV) 18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Matt 12:36-37 (KJV) 36 But I say unto you, THAT EVERY IDLE WORD THAT MEN SHALL SPEAK, THEY SHALL GIVE ACCOUNT THEREOF IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT.

Matt 12:37 (KJV) 37 FOR BY THY WORDS THOU SHALT BE JUSTIFIED, AND BY THY WORDS THOU SHALT BE CONDEMNED.

Titus 2:7-8 (KJV) 7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Titus 2:8 (KJV) 8 SOUND SPEECH, THAT CANNOT BE CONDEMNED; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

OTHER SCRIPTURES ON THE SAINTS BEING "SALTED"

Matt 5:13 (KJV) 13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Mar 9:49-50 (KJV) 49 FOR EVERY ONE SHALL BE **SALTED WITH FIRE**, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

Matt 9:50 (KJV) 50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? HAVE SALT IN YOURSELVES, AND HAVE PEACE ONE WITH ANOTHER.

OTHER SCRIPTURES ON HOW WE AS DISCIPLES OUGHT TO ANSWER EVERY MAN.

1 Peter 3:15 (KJV) 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and **BE READY** ALWAYS TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO EVERY MAN THAT ASKETH YOU A REASON OF THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU WITH MEEKNESS AND FEAR:

2 Peter 3:10-11 (KJV) 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

2 Peter 3:11 (KJV) 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YE TO BE IN ALL HOLY CONVERSATION AND GODLINESS,

Eph 6:20 (KJV) 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: THAT THEREIN I MAY SPEAK BOLDLY, AS I OUGHT TO SPEAK.

Mar 13:11 (KJV) 11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: BUT WHATSOEVER SHALL BE GIVEN YOU IN THAT HOUR, THAT SPEAK YE: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 7-8

IN COLOSSIANS 4:7-8, THE APOSTLE PAUL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TYCHICUS WAS A FAITHFUL MINISTER IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN THE REGION OF ASIA AT EPHESUS AND COLOSSE.

BOTH TYCHICUS AND ONESIMUS WERE TWO (2) WITNESSES OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE AS TO THE APOSTLE PAUL'S STATE IN PRISON IN ROME, ITALY.

Col 4:7-8 (KJV) 7 ALL MY STATE SHALL TYCHICUS DECLARE UNTO YOU, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:

Col 4:8 (KJV) 8 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES

Acts 20:4 (KJV) 4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, TYCHICUS and Trophimus.

Eph 6:20-22 (KJV) 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Eph 6:21 (KJV) 21 BUT THAT YE ALSO MAY KNOW MY AFFAIRS, AND HOW I DO, TYCHICUS, A BELOVED BROTHER AND FAITHFUL MINISTER IN THE LORD, SHALL MAKE KNOWN TO YOU ALL THINGS:

Eph 6:22 (KJV) 22 WHOM I HAVE SENT UNTO YOU FOR THE SAME PURPOSE, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.

2 Tim 4:12 (KJV) 12 AND TYCHICUS HAVE I SENT TO EPHESUS.

Titus 3:12 (KJV) 12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or TYCHICUS, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSE 9

IN COLOSSIANS 4:9, THE APOSTLE PAUL STATED TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE THAT THE RUNAWAY SLAVE ONESIMUS WAS ALSO A FELLOW PRISONER WITH HIM IN ROME AND THAT HE WOULD COMMUNICATE ALL THINGS THAT WERE TAKING PLACE IN THE MINISTRY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL IN PRISON.

Col 4:9 (KJV) 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.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES

Philemon 1:10 (KJV) 10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 10-13

IN COLOSSIANS 4:10-13, WE SEE THE APOSTLE PAUL ACKNOWLEDGING THAT JOHN MARK WHO WAS ALSO CALLED MARCUS AND WAS THE NEPHEW OF BARNABAS (SISTER'S SON TO BARNABAS) WAS IN PRISON VISITING THE APOSTLE PAUL AND DOING THE WORK OF THE GOSPEL.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE HAD A SHARP CONTENTION WITH BARNABAS IN THE PAST OVER JOHN MARK, BECAUSE JOHN MARK WOULD HAVE LEFT THE APOSTLE PAUL AND BARNABAS IN PAMPHYLIA BECAUSE OF THE PERSECUTION FOR THE WORK AND WENT BACK TO JERUSALEM DURING THE APOSTLE PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY.

BARNABAS WANTED TO TAKE JOHN MARK DURING THE APOSTLE PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY, BUT THE APOSTLE PAUL REFUSED TO CARRY JOHN MARK AND THEY BECAME SEPARATED.

WE SEE THE APOSTLE HIGHLIGHTING JOHN MARK (MARCUS) WHO WAS VISITING THE APOSTLE PAUL AND TIMOTHY IN PRISON IN ROME AND NOW WILLING TO SUFFER FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL.

THE APOSTLE PAUL FURTHER MENTIONED THAT THOSE WHO WERE WITH HIM FROM THE CIRCUMCISION OR JEWISH BRETHREN AS FELLOWWORKERS WERE:

- ARISTARCHUS
- MARCUS
- JESUS CALLED JUSTUS

THIS MEANT THAT THE OTHER FOLLOWING BRETHREN WERE OF THE **UNCIRCUMCISION OR GENTILES**:

- EPAPHRAS
- LUKE
- DEMAS

THE APOSTLE PAUL ALSO MENTIONED THAT EPAPHRAS WAS FIGHTING SPIRITUALLY FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE IN PRAYERS.

THE **COMPLETION IN CHRIST** IS A PROCESS STARTING WITH THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH IN **THE LETTER** AND THEN PROGRESSING IN THE **SPirit** AFTER WATER BAPTISM.
NEXT IS THE PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION OF OUR SOULS, WHICH IS OUR **MIND, CONSCIENCE, WILL AND EMOTIONS**.
WE WILL ONLY BECOME COMPLETE AT THE RESURRECTION WHEN THE **BODY OF DEATH** IS CHANGED INTO **A SPIRITUAL BODY**.

Col 4:10-13 (KJV) 10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and MARCUS, SISTER'S SON TO BARNABAS, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

Col 4:11 (KJV) 11 And Jesus, which is called JUSTUS, WHO ARE OF THE CIRCUMCISION. THESE ONLY ARE MY FELLOWWORKERS UNTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, WHICH HAVE BEEN A COMFORT UNTO ME.

Col 4:12 (KJV) 12 EPAPHRAS, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, THAT YE MAY STAND **PERFECT AND COMPLETE** IN ALL THE WILL OF GOD.

Col 4:13 (KJV) 13 For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON **JOHN MARK** ALSO CALLED **MARCUS** WHO WAS THE NEPHEW OF BARNABAS WAS SEPARATED FROM THE APOSTLE PAUL FOR THE WORK SAKE AND WOULD HAVE VISITED THE APOSTLE PAUL IN PRISON IN ROME AND BECAME SPIRITUALLY PROFITABLE TO THE MINISTRY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GENTILES.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON “**MARCUS**” WHO IS **JOHN MARK** WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL AND TIMOTHY WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE.

JOHN MARK, ALSO CALLED **MARCUS WAS A RELATIVE TO BARNABAS.**

Acts 12:12 (KJV) 12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of **JOHN, WHOSE SURNAME WAS MARK;** where many were gathered together praying.

Acts 12:25 (KJV) 25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, **AND TOOK WITH THEM JOHN, WHOSE SURNAME WAS MARK.**

JOHN MARK LEFT THE WORK BECAUSE OF THE PERSECUTION BY THE JEWS IN PAMPHYLIA.

Acts 13:13 (KJV) 13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: **AND JOHN DEPARTING FROM THEM RETURNED TO JERUSALEM.**

THE APOSTLE PAUL AND BARNABAS HAD A SHARP CONTENTION AND BECAME SEPARATED OVER JOHN MARK WHO LEFT THEM IN PAMPHYLIA BECAUSE OF THE PERSECUTION FOR THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST.

Acts 15:36-40 (KJV) 37 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

Acts 15:37 (KJV) 37 **AND BARNABAS DETERMINED TO TAKE WITH THEM JOHN, WHOSE SURNAME WAS MARK.**

Acts 15:38 (KJV) 38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

Acts 15:39 (KJV) 39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: AND SO BARNABAS TOOK MARK, AND SAILED UNTO CYPRUS;

Acts 15:40 (KJV) 40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ENCOURAGING THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE BRETHREN WHO WERE WITH HIM IN PRISON FOR THE WORK OF THE GOSPEL.

MARCUS WHO IS JOHN MARK WAS MENTIONED AS VISITING WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL IN PRISON IN ROME, ITALY.

Philemon 1:23-24 (KJV) 23 There salute thee Epaphras, MY FELLOWPRISONER IN CHRIST JESUS;

Philemon 1:24 (KJV) 24 MARCUS, ARISTARCHUS, DEMAS, LUCAS, MY FELLOWLABOURERS.

THE APOSTLE PAUL INSTRUCTED TIMOTHY IN THE SECOND EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY (TIMOTHY BEING SET FREE FROM PRISON) TO BRING JOHN MARK TO HIM IN PRISON BECAUSE JOHN MARK WAS SPIRITUALLY PROFITABLE TO THE MINISTRY TO THE GENTILES.

2 Tim 4:11 (KJV) 11 Only Luke is with me. TAKE MARK, AND BRING HIM WITH THEE: FOR HE IS PROFITABLE TO ME FOR THE MINISTRY.

JOHN MARK, ALSO CALLED MARCUS WAS WITH THE APOSTLE PETER IN THE MINISTRY AT BABYLON.

1 Peter 5:13 (KJV) 13 The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; AND SO DOTH MARCUS MY SON.

- **OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON “ARISTARCHUS” WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE.**

Acts 19:29 (KJV) 29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and ARISTARCHUS, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

Acts 20:4 (KJV) 4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, ARISTARCHUS and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

Acts 27:2 (KJV) 2 And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; ONE ARISTARCHUS, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

Philemon 1:24 (KJV) 24 Marcus, ARISTARCHUS, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.

- OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON “JUSTUS” WHO WAS IN PRISON WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE.

Acts 18:7 (KJV) 7 And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named JUSTUS, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

- OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON “EPAPHRAS” WHO WAS IMPRISONED WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE.

Philemon 1:23 (KJV) 23 There salute thee EPAPHRAS, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE CIRCUMCISION REFERRING TO THE HEBREW BRETHREN AND THE UNCIRCUMCISED REFERRING TO THE GENTILES.

Acts 10:45 (KJV) 45 And they of THE CIRCUMCISION which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, BECAUSE THAT ON THE GENTILES also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 11:1-2 (KJV) 1 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

Acts 11:2 (KJV) 2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, THEY THAT WERE OF THE CIRCUMCISION CONTENDED WITH HIM,

Acts 11:3 (KJV) 3 Saying, THOU WENTEST IN TO MEN UNCIRCUMCISED, AND DIDST EAT WITH THEM.

1 Cor 7:17-19 (KJV) 17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

1 Cor 7:18 (KJV) 18 IS ANY MAN CALLED BEING CIRCUMCISED? LET HIM NOT BECOME UNCIRCUMCISED. IS ANY CALLED IN UNCIRCUMCISION? LET HIM NOT BE CIRCUMCISED.

1 Cor 7:19 (KJV) 19 CIRCUMCISION IS NOTHING, AND UNCIRCUMCISION IS NOTHING, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

THE APOSTLE PAUL STATED THAT THE GOSPEL OF THE UNCIRCUMCISION OR GENTILES WAS COMMITTED UNTO HIM, WHILE THE GOSPEL OF THE CIRCUMCISION WAS COMMITTED UNTO THE APOSTLE PETER.

Gal 2:7-8 (KJV) 7 But contrariwise, when they saw that THE GOSPEL OF THE UNCIRCUMCISION WAS COMMITTED UNTO ME, as THE GOSPEL OF THE CIRCUMCISION WAS UNTO PETER;
Gal 2:8 (KJV) 8 (For he that wrought effectually in PETER TO THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE CIRCUMCISION, THE SAME WAS MIGHTY IN ME TOWARD THE GENTILES:)

Gal 5:6 (KJV) 6 FOR IN JESUS CHRIST NEITHER CIRCUMCISION AVAILETH ANY THING, NOR UNCIRCUMCISION; but faith which worketh by love.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSE 14

IN COLOSSIANS 4:14, THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD IN COLOSSE, DEMAS WAS AT ROME IN MINISTRY WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL.

TIMOTHY WAS ALSO IN PRISON WITH PAUL IN ROME AS A PRISONER.

HOWEVER, BY THE TIME PAUL WAS WRITING TO TIMOTHY WHO HAD ALREADY BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON, IN APPROXIMATELY A.D. 64-65, DEMAS HAD WENT BACK INTO THE WORLD.

Col 4:14 (KJV) 14 LUKE, THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN, and DEMAS, GREET YOU.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON “DEMAS”

**Philemon 1:22-24 (KJV) 22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.
Philemon 1:23 (KJV) 23 There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;
Philemon 1:24 (KJV) 24 Marcus, Aristarchus, DEMAS, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON DEMAS WHO EVENTUALLY RETURNED TO THE CARES OF THIS WORLD.

2 Tim 4:10 (KJV) 10 FOR DEMAS HATH FORSAKEN ME, HAVING LOVED THIS PRESENT WORLD, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

JESUS CHRIST SPOKE IN THE PARABLE OF THE CARES OF THIS WORLD.

**Mar 4:18-19 (KJV) 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,
Mar 4:19 (KJV) 19 AND THE CARES OF THIS WORLD, AND THE DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES, AND THE LUSTS OF OTHER THINGS ENTERING IN, CHOKETH THE WORD, AND IT BECOMETH UNFRUITFUL.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON “LUKE THE PHYSICIAN”

LUKE THE PHYSICIAN SUFFERED FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL AND WROTE THE GOSPEL OF LUKE AND THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES AND ACCOMPANIED THE APOSTLE PAUL ON ALL HIS JOURNEYS AND WAS IN PRISON WITH PAUL IN **ROME**, ITALY.

2 Tim 4:11 (KJV) 11 ONLY LUKE IS WITH ME. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSE 15

IN **COLOSSIANS 4:15**, THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS WRITING TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD WHICH WERE GATHERING IN THE HOUSE OF BRETHREN.

Col 4:15 (KJV) 15 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and THE CHURCH WHICH IS IN HIS HOUSE.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE “**CHURCH OF GOD**” GATHERING IN THE HOUSE OF BRETHREN.

Rom 16:3-5 (KJV) 3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

Rom 16:4 (KJV) 4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

Rom 16:5 (KJV) 5 LIKEWISE GREET THE CHURCH THAT IS IN THEIR HOUSE. Salute my well-beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

1 Cor 16:19 (KJV) 19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, WITH THE CHURCH THAT IS IN THEIR HOUSE.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSE 16

IN **COLOSSIANS 4:16**, WE SEE THAT THERE WAS A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT **COLOSSE** AND AT **LAODICEA**.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE ALSO WRITTEN AN EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT LAODICEA WHICH WAS NOT RECORDED IN THE SCRIPTURES.

THE EPISTLE WRITTEN BY THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT **COLOSSE** WAS TO BE READ IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT **LAODICEA**.

Col 4:16 (KJV) 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.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON **THE PRINCIPLE** OF ALL THE EPISTLES WRITTEN BY THE APOSTLES BEING **READ IN ALL THE CHURCHES OF GOD** IN EVERY LOCATION.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION ON THE CORRECTION OF THE CHURCHES WAS ALSO WRITTEN FOR ALL THE CHURCH ERAS.

John 20:30-31 (KJV) 30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, WHICH ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK:

John 20:31 (KJV) 31 BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN, THAT YE MIGHT BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, the Son of God; and that believing YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE through his name.

John 21:25 (KJV) 25 AND THERE ARE ALSO MANY OTHER THINGS WHICH JESUS DID, THE WHICH, IF THEY SHOULD BE WRITTEN EVERY ONE, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

Acts 16:4-5 (KJV) 4 And as they went through the cities, THEY DELIVERED THEM THE DECREES FOR TO KEEP, THAT WERE ORDAINED OF THE APOSTLES AND ELDERS WHICH WERE AT JERUSALEM.

Acts 16:5 (KJV) 5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

Rom 15:4 (KJV) 4 FOR WHATSOEVER THINGS WERE WRITTEN AFORETIME WERE WRITTEN FOR OUR LEARNING, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

1 Thess 5:27 (KJV) 27 I charge you by the Lord THAT THIS EPISTLE BE READ UNTO ALL THE HOLY BRETHREN.

THE EPISTLES WERE WRITTEN TO MEET THE SPIRITUAL NEED OF THE CHURCHES OF GOD JUST AS WE HAVE AVAILABLE TODAY FOR OUR ENCOURAGEMENT AND ADMONITION.

2 Tim 3:16-17 (KJV) 16 ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS:

2 Tim 3:17 (KJV) 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE ON THE CHURCH OF GOD AT LAODICEA.

WE SEE JESUS CHRIST CORRECTION TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT LAODICEA WHICH WOULD HAVE HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE ISSUES THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE ADDRESSED IN HIS EPISTLE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Rev 3:14-22 (KJV) 14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Rev 3:15 (KJV) 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

Rev 3:16 (KJV) 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Rev 3:17 (KJV) 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Rev 3:18 (KJV) 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Rev 3:19 (KJV) 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Rev 3:20 (KJV) 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Rev 3:21 (KJV) 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Rev 3:22 (KJV) 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

❖ COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 17-18

IN COLOSSIANS 4:17-18, THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ENCOURAGING ARCHIPPUS WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN A MINISTER IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE TO FULFIL THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY ASSIGNED TO HIM.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS IN PRISON WHEN HE WROTE THE EPISTLE TO THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN COLOSSE AND LAODICEA.

Col 4:17-18 (KJV) 17 AND SAY TO ARCHIPPUS, TAKE HEED TO THE MINISTRY WHICH THOU HAST RECEIVED IN THE LORD, THAT THOU FULFIL IT.

Col 4:18 (KJV) 18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. REMEMBER MY BONDS. Grace be with you. Amen.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON ARCHIPPUS WHO WAS A FELLOWLABOURER AND MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Philemon 1:1-2 (KJV) 1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

Philemon 1:2 (KJV) 2 And to our beloved Apphia, and ARCHIPPUS OUR FELLOWSOLDIER, and to the church in thy house:

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE PAUL IN PRISON IN ROME, ITALY.

Acts 28:30-31 (KJV) 30 And PAUL DWELT TWO WHOLE YEARS IN HIS OWN HIRED HOUSE, and received all that came in unto him,

Acts 28:31 (KJV) 31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.