

Colossians 4

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Masters and Slaves

¹ Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

Devoted to Prayer

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.

Final Greetings and Instructions

⁷ All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant 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 fellowprisoner 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 fellowworkers 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, always 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.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Faith — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Grace — χάρις (Charis)

Grace, favor

The Greek **charis** (χάρις) denotes unmerited divine favor—God's kindness toward the undeserving. Salvation is 'by grace through faith' (Ephesians 2:8), not human merit.

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Kingdom — βασιλεία (Basileia)

Kingdom, reign

The Greek **basileia** (βασιλεία) means kingdom—both the realm ruled and the exercise of royal authority. The 'kingdom of God' is central to Jesus' teaching, representing God's saving rule breaking into history.

Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

Redeem — λυτρόω (Lutroo)

To redeem, ransom

The Greek **lutroo** (λυτρόω) means to redeem or ransom—purchasing freedom by paying a price. Christ redeemed us 'with the precious blood' (1 Peter 1:18-19), the ransom for sin.

CROSS REFERENCES

Colossians 4:1 **Parallel theme:** James 2:13; 5:4; Revelation 17:14; 19:16. **Righteousness:** Ecclesiastes 5:8

Colossians 4:2

Prayer: Colossians 1:9; Psalms 109:4; Matthew 26:41; Mark 13:33; Luke 18:1; 21:36; Romans 12:12; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6; 1 Peter 4:7

Colossians 4:3

References God: Acts 14:27; 2 Timothy 2:9. **Parallel theme:** Colossians 1:26; Matthew 13:11; 1 Corinthians 16:9; Ephesians 4:1; Philippians 1:7. **References Christ:** 1 Corinthians 4:1; 2 Corinthians 2:12. **Prayer:** 1 Thessalonians 5:25

Colossians 4:4 **Parallel theme:** Colossians 4:6; Ephesians 6:20

Colossians 4:5

Parallel theme: Colossians 3:16; Matthew 10:16; Mark 4:11; Romans 16:19; 1 Thessalonians 4:12; 1 Timothy 3:7; James 1:5; 3:13; 3:17; 1 Peter 3:1

Colossians 4:6

Grace: Colossians 3:16; Ecclesiastes 10:12; Ephesians 4:29. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:46; Proverbs 10:21; 15:4; 15:7; Matthew 5:13; Mark 9:50; 1 Peter 3:15

Colossians 4:7 **Parallel theme:** Acts 20:4; 2 Timothy 4:12; Titus 3:12

Colossians 4:8 **Parallel theme:** Colossians 2:2; Ephesians 6:22

Colossians 4:9 **Faith:** Colossians 4:7

Colossians 4:10 **Parallel theme:** Acts 12:12; 19:29; 20:4; 27:2; 2 Timothy 4:11; Philemon 1:24

Colossians 4:11 **Parallel theme:** Colossians 4:7; Acts 10:45; 11:2; Romans 4:12; Ephesians 2:11; 1 Thessalonians 3:7; Titus 1:10. **References God:** 2 Corinthians 6:1; 1 Thessalonians 3:2.

References Jesus: Philemon 1:1

Colossians 4:12 **Prayer:** Colossians 1:9; Romans 15:30; Hebrews 5:7. **References Christ:** Colossians 1:7; 1:28; Galatians 4:19; Philemon 1:23; 2 Peter 1:1. **Parallel theme:** Colossians 1:22; Romans 15:14

Colossians 4:13 **Parallel theme:** Colossians 2:1

Colossians 4:14 **Parallel theme:** Philemon 1:24

Colossians 4:15 **Parallel theme:** Romans 16:5; 1 Corinthians 16:9

Colossians 4:16 **Parallel theme:** 1 Thessalonians 5:27; 2 Thessalonians 3:14

Colossians 4:17

Parallel theme: Acts 1:17; 20:28; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 4:6; 4:16; 6:20; 2 Timothy 2:2; Philemon 1:2. **References Lord:** Leviticus 10:3; Acts 14:23

Colossians 4:18 **Parallel theme:** 2 Timothy 1:8; Hebrews 13:3. **References Paul:** 1 Corinthians 16:21. **Grace:** Philippians 1:7; 1 Timothy 6:21; 2 Timothy 4:22; Titus 3:15; Hebrews 13:25

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