

COLOSSIANS

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Review of Background

- Occasion: False teachers have promised ritual ways to experience God’s presence and blessing (mysticism/legalism). Paul’s correction in the letter is that those who have trusted in Jesus can already experience the fullness of God’s presence through what has been provided already for the believer in Jesus.
- Theme verse: “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.” (Colossians 2:9-10)
- Theme of the Class: Life in our Supreme & Sufficient Savior

Class Outline

- Part 1: The Preeminence of Christ in Christian Thinking (1-3:4)
- Part 2: The Preeminence of Christ in Christian Living (3:5-4:6)

Lesson 11 – Colossians 4:2-6

Show the world what Jesus is like!

1. Pray with persistence (2-4).
2. Walk with wisdom (5).
3. Speak with grace (6).

Revelation – Letter to the church of the Laodiceans Why is there no letter to the church in Colossae? Jesus is among His churches and watching (Revelation 1). Neighboring Laodiceans: Be zealous and repent (Revelation 3:14-22).

Application

Pray with persistence – If we are going to display Jesus in our lives, we must pray persistently. There are so many needs around us, that only our great God can manage! Yet we don't pray! We must pray persistently – this is something we all can do. We must pray with watchfulness and thanksgiving. Aware of the greatest need: to praise and thank God, and then to ask Him to work. We must pray for opportunities and effectiveness in sharing. We often talk critically about evangelism in our personal lives, or in our churches, but are we praying? Ask God for open doors.

Walk with wisdom – Our lives ought to display the person of Jesus. We get to show the world what Jesus is like. Sometimes we wonder the best way to impact our friends, neighbors, coworkers and family. What's the wisest way to act around them? Am I showing them what I am like, or what Jesus is like? When we sin, we are showing others what we are like instead of what Jesus is like. We must repent and be sure people know that the sin they saw is not what Jesus is like. So, to impact the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, people must see Jesus in us! They must see us walking in wisdom – applying His truth to our lives. We must take up every opportunity! As we pray, God will provide opportunities to impact people. We will destroy these opportunities if we are not walking wisely.

Speak with grace – To show what Jesus is like to the world we must speak with grace. We must evidence God's kindness, and favor upon us in the way we speak to others. We ought to be winsome in our conversations. Our message should be attractive! Seasoned with salt – not bitter and harsh, but winsome!