

COLOSSIANS

CHRIST IS ALL WE NEED

WEEK OF 11/16/25 **STEADFAST PRAYER. SEASONED SPEECH. WISE WALK.** COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

Silence (1-2 minutes)

Sit silently for a minute as a way to center your heart and invite the Holy Spirit to help you listen to and receive God's Word.

Opening Prayer (2-3 minutes)

Read: Colossians 4:2-6

Devotional (30- 45 minutes)

As we examine the opening lines of Paul's final chapter to the Colossians, the mission of every Christian is clear: Glorify God by making more disciples for Christ. To recap, chapter one and two of Colossians focus on doctrine. The second half of Paul's letter emphasizes our duty as Christ followers. The Big Idea of our passage can be summarized as follows:

Evangelism for Christ starts with steadfast prayer to Christ. Our Christ-saturated lives must lead to fervent, persistent prayer and prudent, flavorful proclamation.

1. Paul's argument follows an "inside-out" structure. Internal prayer leads to external proclamation. What are some examples from everyday life where moving from the inside-out is necessary and important? (e.g., parenting, professional development, etc.)

Colossians 4:2-4 – Our Christ-saturated Lives Must Lead to Steadfast Prayer | Prayer is the clearest measure of our dependence on God. What we pray about – we trust God to handle. What we don't pray about – we think we can handle ourselves. When Paul says to pray steadfastly and watchfully, he's saying: "Stay awake. Stay alert. Stay on guard so that you can see what's really going on. Be vigilant against temptation and self-deception. Pray, also, for open doors for the Word to be shared."

2. Abolitionist Sojourner Truth once prayed, "Oh God, You know I have no money, but you can make people do for me, and you must make people do for me. I will never give peace till you do, God." Please share about someone you know who is confident, bold, and gritty when it comes to prayer.

3. What is a situation in your life for which God may be calling you to steadfast prayer?

Colossians 4:5-6 – Our Christ-saturated lives must lead to flavorful proclamation | Paul begins by exhorting his readers to walk wisely. Wisdom is the spiritual skill of thinking, speaking, and acting like God – anywhere, any time. Wisdom knows when to seize an opportunity for God. Afterwards, he says, “Season your speech.” Our words about Christ must never be tasteless. This is only possible when we, ourselves, taste and see that the Lord is Good (Psalm 34:8). When we delight in the Lord and rise from our knees with hearts thrilled by Christ – our words will be filled with flavor.

4. Please share about a relationship in your life with an unbeliever for which you need God’s wisdom.

5. Take a few moments to do a “flavor” check of your conduct and speech. Has your speech (i.e., words) been gracious and seasoned with salt? What are some challenges and obstacles you face in this area? What has been helpful for you in making sure that your words exemplify the joy of Christ?

6. When was the last time you delighted in the Lord? When was the last time you “tasted and saw” the goodness of God? Please share.

Closing Prayer

Our gracious Heavenly Father, You are the loving, caring God; and we are Your people. Father, we commit ourselves to steadfast prayer. Make us watchful and grateful in every situation. Open doors for the gospel in our community and beyond. Teach us to walk wisely among those who do not yet know You, and may our words be gracious, seasoned with truth and love. Unite us as an army of light, advancing on our knees, until Christ is glorified in every heart. In His name we pray, Amen.

Share Prayer Requests (10-15 minutes)