

Order of Worship: AM

- Song #579 Praise the Name of Jesus - Stan Jones
- Call to Worship - Doug Yates
- Song #578 We Will Glorify
- Song #762 Teach Me Thy Way
- Prayer – JJ Hubbard
- Song NB When We Meet in Sweet Communion
- Lord’s Supper – Tyler DuVall

Contributions on-line: <https://whitehousechurch.org/giving>

- Scripture – James Kent - *Hebrews 12: 1-3*
- Song NB As the Deer
- Lesson – Nathan Adams
“Lay Aside Every Encumbrance”
- Song #909 There’s a Fountain Free
- Song #655 Poured Out Like Wine
- Closing Prayer – Randy Roberts

Please leave your attendance cards on the pew

Announcements

- Carolyn Montandon has now been diagnosed with pneumonia, please keep her and Paul in your prayers as they are both still battling Covid-19.
- Mark your calendars November 13 for the next “Parent Night Out.”
- First Annual Congregational Bon-Fire November 7 at the McDonalds place
- “Congregational Workday” in preparation for our Annual “Friends & Family Day” is October 17 at the building beginning at 8 am.
- This year’s “Trunk or Treat” is October 31. We will be needing several volunteers; please signup in the foyer.
- “Friends & Family Day” will be November 1.

Remember in Prayer:

Carol Arnold, Gail Bennett, Deloris Bundy, Bob & Jane Clemmons, Roxie Dodd, Johnnie Harris, Danny Hogden, Denise Landry (mother of Roxanne Reynolds) Richard Light, Oleva Smith, Dale Martin, Margaret Maurer, Jeanette Mitchell (mother of Jerry Mitchell) Paul & Carolyn Montandon, Betty Redding, Charles Redding, Becky Presley, Gina Smith, Paula Spillyards, Yvonne Stevens, Billy Gene & Barbara Toler, (parents of Denise Hill), Levenia Vaughn, Roy Verner, Sharen Wester, Ponder Wright, Jean Young

Leadership

Elders

Ernest Bennett

Daniel DuPree *chairman*

Aaron DuVall

Richard Light

Deacons

Gerald Floyd

Seth Huddleston

Jeff Parrish

Ministers

Nathan Adams

Doug Yates

Chris Detkos

Order of Worship: PM

- Call to Worship – Doug Yates
- Song #74 Praise the Lord - Stan Jones
- Song #659 I Love To Tell the Story
- Prayer – Seth Huddleston
- Scripture – *1 Peter 1:1-3* – David Frick
- Song #300 Praise Him! Praise Him!
- Lesson – Nathan Adams
“Worthy of Praise”
- Song #376 He Paid A Debt
- Song #678 More About Jesus
- Closing Prayer – Dwayne King



Welcome to
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Church of Christ
October 18, 2020

"THE EPISTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS"

Essentials For Living The Christ-Like Life (Col 4:2-6)

INTRODUCTION

1. In the last two chapters in his epistle to the Colossians, Paul exhorts them to live the kind of life that demonstrates their faith in Jesus Christ as the "All-Sufficient And Pre-Eminent Savior"
 - a. In Col 3:1-11, he describes the "basics" of Christian living
 - b. In Col 3:12-17, he describes the Christians' "apparel"
 - c. And in Col 3:18-25; Col 4:1, he discusses "guidelines" to govern Christian families
2. Prior to making his closing comments, he now gives three exhortations to his brethren called, "Essentials To Living The Christ-Like Life"

[Beginning in Col 4:2-4, the Colossians as well as all Christians are exhorted to...]

I. CONTINUE IN PRAYER (Col 4:2-4)

A. PRAYER THAT IS "FAITHFUL"...

1. As Paul writes, "continue earnestly in prayer"
 - a. Just as he wrote to the Romans - Ro 12:12
 - b. And also to the Thessalonians - 1 Th 5:17
2. That people faithfully continue in prayer was a concern of our Lord as well
 - a. He taught a parable that men always ought to pray - Lk 18:1
 - b. He was concerned that when He returned, He might not find faith on the earth - Lk 18:8
3. We have several wonderful examples to serve as role models...
 - a. David, a man after God's own heart - Ps 55:16-17
 - b. Daniel, a man greatly beloved by God - Dan 6:10
 - c. Anna, an elderly widow blessed to see the Christ-child - Lk 2:36-38
 - d. Of course, Paul himself- Col 1:9
 - e. And also Epaphras, himself a member of the church at Colosse - Col 4:12
4. Many people pray only when there is a crisis - may that not be true of us!

B. PRAYER THAT IS "WATCHFUL"...

1. Or as Paul put it in our text, "be vigilant in it"
2. On several occasions, Jesus warned His disciples to be watchful in prayer - Mt 13:32-33; Mt 26:41
3. So His apostles warn us...
 - a. Paul, in Ep 6:18
 - b. Peter, in 1 Pet 4:7
4. Through "watchful" praying, we will not be caught unprepared by:
 - a. Satan, and the temptation to sin
 - b. Death, and the judgment to follow
 - c. Christ, and the glories for those who are ready when He comes again

C. PRAYER THAT IS "THANKFUL"...

1. "with thanksgiving", Paul says
2. Throughout his epistle to the Colossians, there has been an emphasis on being thankful - Col 1:3; Col 1:12; Col 2:7; Col 3:15-17; Col 4:2

3. As someone said, "We should thank God just as diligently in our prayers as we make requests of Him." - cf. also Ph 4:6

4. Let's be sure to "abound with thanksgiving"!

a. Especially in light of Ro 1:21

b. Where we see that ingratitude was one reason why God's wrath was being revealed from heaven!

D. PRAYER THAT IS "PURPOSEFUL"...

1. As Paul requested of his brethren in Colosse, "praying also for us..."

2. Prayers are often too general in their requests, lacking specific purpose

3. But as here in our text, Paul often asked for specific prayers in his behalf - e.g., Ro 15:30-32

4. From our text in Colossians and elsewhere, what specific requests can we make for those who preach and teach God's Word?

a. Opportunity ("an open door") - Col 4:3; cf. 2 Th 3:1

b. Wisdom ("as I ought to speak") - Col 4:4

c. Boldness - Ep 6:19-20

[As we endeavor to live the Christ-like life, make the right kind of prayer a crucial element. Prayer that is:

- * faithful
- * watchful
- * thankful
- * purposeful

The exhortation in verse 5 of our text is also crucial to living a Christ-like life, especially when among those who are not Christians...]

II. WALK IN WISDOM (v 5)

A. CHRISTIANS NEED TO BE CONCERNED WITH HOW THEY "WALK"...

1. In other words, how they conduct themselves

2. We are to walk in wisdom especially "toward those who are outside"

a. By proper conduct, we can influence them for good - e.g., 1 Pe 3:1-2

b. The world is constantly making judgments concerning us by our conduct, and according to Jesus, this is their privilege

- cf. Jn 13:35; Col 17:20-21

B. ANOTHER REASON SUCH WISDOM IS IMPERATIVE IS "TIME"...

1. To be exact, the lack of time! - cf. Ep 5:15-17

a. The time we have in this life is short

b. We cannot afford to waste much of it through foolishness

c. And there are some people who need Christ whose time left on this earth is even shorter than ours

2. So we need to "redeem" the time; i.e., make the most of the time we have

[Finally, as we consider these "Essentials To Living The Christ-Like Life" found in our text, let's remember that it was said of Jesus that people...

"...marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth." (Lk 4:22)

As His disciples, we should also...]

III. SPEAK WITH GRACE (v 6)

A. THE POWER OF THE TONGUE IS VIVIDLY ILLUSTRATED IN JAMES 3...

1. It effects the entire body - Ja 3:2
2. It can have great destructive power - Ja 3:6
3. It is inconsistent for us to use it for both good and evil - Ja 3:9-12

B. THEREFORE WE NEED TO LEARN TO SPEAK "WITH GRACE"...

1. As Paul also commanded in Ep 5:29
 - a. No corrupt communication is to proceed out of our mouths
 - b. Only that which edifies, imparting "grace to the hearers"
2. Our speech is to be "seasoned with salt"
 - a. Not to be confused with the "salty language" of some sailors
 - b. But rather speech properly flavored so that it well received by others
3. We especially need to watch our language around those who are NOT Christians
 - a. "that you may know how to answer each one" - Col 4:6
 - b. "a servant of the Lord must not quarrel..." - 2 Ti 2:23-26
4. Are we as careful with our own speech, as we want others to be with their lives?
 - a. Do we, who claim to be the disciples of Jesus Christ...
 - b. ...speak the words of truth that come by Him in the same gracious manner He did?

CONCLUSION

1. These three simple exhortations, if truly heeded, can have a powerful impact on our lives:
 - a. Our "prayer life" will likely be very different!
 - b. Our "walk" (conduct) will be noted for its wisdom
 - c. Our "speech" will be a source of encouragement to others
2. This is the essence of following Jesus Christ. To allow Him to so live in us that by God's grace we experience a transformation that affects every aspect of our lives!