

Colossians

New Sermon Series

Collaboration

Epaphras work in Colosse.

Gospel of Jesus Christ at risk.

Paul sends a letter that asserts the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ.

Jesus is Lord! Therefore He is fully able qualify us as saints.

Colossians 1:28-29

“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”

Perfect (teleios):— brought to its end, finished wanting nothing necessary to completeness, perfect, full grown, adult, of full age, mature.

2:9-10 *“For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.”*

Complete:— (pleROo) to fill to the top: so that nothing shall be wanting to full measure, render perfect in every particular.

The Commission Of Paul:

Acts 26:17b-18

“I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”

Romans 16:3-4

“Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me.”

Acts 19:10

“And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.”

Colossians 4:7-18

“...I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.”

“Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.” **Michael Jordan**

“Playing for yourself wins trophies, playing for your team wins championships.”

Tommy Lasorda

“**Cooperation** is working together **agreeably**... **Collaboration** is working together **aggressively**; and there's a world of difference between those two.”

John C. Maxwell



THE GREAT ESCAPE



The Apostle Paul was able bring together collaborators.

Several places in his writings he lists groups of people who worked together with him.

Collaborators produce incredible results.

“Tychicus”

Named six times in the Bible ...
He is most often serving by being
sent somewhere to encourage
someone.

Everyone needs encouragement!

“Onesimus”

He was a run away slave ... His past has been resolved ... he is redeemed.

Now he is serving the purpose of God for his life.

Philemon 15-16 “...that you might receive him forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave—a beloved brother,....”

“Aristarchus”

Named 5 times in the bible. He was a Macedonian of Thessalonica.

He attached himself to Paul. He was a very close friend who committed himself to be a fellow prisoner.

“Mark”

A guy who deserted Paul on his 1st missionary journey. Paul refused to use him again.

Acts 15:39 *“Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another.”*

Later we see Paul had a **change of heart** and was restored to

Mark. **2 Timothy 4:11**

“Justus”

One of the brothers from the Jewish group who has identified himself with the great teacher of GRACE.

Willing to embrace a great deal of misunderstanding on principle.

“Epaphras”

Church Planter and Pastor in Colosse.

Serious about prayer!!!

vs. 12b *“...always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.”*

“Luke”

Luke the beloved physician.

A Doctor who used his calling for the Kingdom.

Full time child of God who used his skills as a seed bag for ministry.

“Demas”

2 Timothy 4:10 “...for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world...”

Even in the best of ministry teams you have defection.

This was a person who could not detach from temporal stuff himself.

“Nymphas”

A wealthy single woman who wanted everything she had to be used for the Kingdom.

Started a church in her home!

What a gift to be a woman and to be single.

“Archippus”

Vs.17 (The Message) *“And, oh, yes, tell Archippus, ‘Do your best in the job you received from the Master. Do your very best.’”*

You don't choose ministry you receive it. Too many choose ministry and try to do it.

Grace will do it!

vs.18 *“Remember my chains.*

Grace *be with you. Amen.”*

This is not a duty or a burden to fulfill my role...it is engaging a flow of Divine favour from heaven.

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