

SERVANTS OF THE LORD Colossians (4:7-18)

Introduction:

A. Today, we will study the subject: **Servants of the Lord**. Paul concluded this letter by mentioning various Christians who assisted him with the Gospel message and who will be the recipients of this letter on the other end. A person cannot effectively do God's work by himself. We must work together – we are on the same team – Jesus Christ. “For the body is not one member, but many” (1 Cor 12:14).

I. Servants of the Lord Associated with Paul

A. **Tychicus** – TIK-IH-KUHS (vv. 7-8)

B. **Onesimus** – OH-NESS-IH-MUHS (v. 9)

C. **Aristarchus** – ER-ISS-TAHR-KUHS (v. 10a)

D. **Mark** – (10b)

❖ When a Christian falls short and sins, even if it is desertion of Christ, he is welcomed back with open arms once he has repented. We must not hold a person's failure and sin against him. Christ has forgiven us for so much – all of us – therefore we must forgive and welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ back into our hearts and lives.

E. **Justus** (v. 11)

F. **Epaphras** – EP-UH-FRASS (vv. 12-13)

G. **Luke, the Beloved Physician** (v. 14)

H. **Demas** – DEE-MUHS (v. 14)

I. **The Church of the Laodiceans and Nymphas** (vv. 15-16)

J. **Archippus** – AHR-KIP-UHS (v. 17)

II. Paul (v. 18)

Paul was faithful to the point of suffering, imprisonment, and martyrdom (death). Paul closed the letter by saying:

Conclusion:

A. That sums up the message of Colossians: Salvation is by grace through faith in the all sufficient Christ, not through human work advocated by false teachers and false doctrines.

B. Because we are complete in Christ, we have access to all we need to lead a godly, righteous, effective, and fulfilling life, may we rejoice in Him.

C. “D. L. Moody wrote the following words next to Isaiah 6:8 in his Bible: “I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.”

B. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).