CHRIST'S PREEMINENCE DISPLAYED IN CHRISTIAN WITNESS Colossians 4:2-6

INTRODUCTIONS:

A new teaching was invading the Church at Colosse and causing great trouble. This new teaching downgraded Christ to being just some sort of Angel. Paul penned this letter to the Church at Colosse while a prisoner in Rome to a City he had never visited.

• "⁹ For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. ¹⁰ And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power" (Col 2:9-10).

We will review three factors in this passage of Scripture which tells Christian Believers How to be Effective Witnesses for Christ:

- I. WATCH AND PRAY (v. 2)
 - A. <u>Watch</u> carries the idea of being alert, spiritually awake.
 - **B.** Praver is asking and receiving; it is talking with God (Acts 1:14; 2:46; 1 Thess 5:17).
 - C. Watch and Pray for victory over temptation (Matt 26:41)
 - D. Believers should Watch and Pray for opportunities to Witness and Serve
 - E. Paul had his eyes open as he prayed for the Philippian Jailer (Acts 16:27-28)
 - F. Prayers should be with Thanksgiving (v. 3)
- II. WALK IN WISDOM (v. 5)
 - A. "Them that are Without" refers to the lost.
 - B. Unbelievers are to be influenced by our Walk
 - C. Display a Wise Walk (Ps 119:1; Phil 2:15; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Thess 4:12)

HAVE GODLY SPEECH (v. 6) III.

- A. Our Speech is to always be with Grace
- **B.** Our Speech is to consist of Gracious Words (Eph 4:29)
- C. Our Speech is to be uniformly with Grace
- D. Our Speech is to be Seasoned with Salt
- E. A Thoughtless Word of Criticism
- F. "Redeeming the Time" (v. 5) means "buying the opportunity."

CONCLUSION:

A. Paul was in jail but it did not stop him from bearing witness for Christ.

B. In Christian Witness: Watch and Pray, Walk in Wisdom and Have Godly Speech

C. Come To Jesus

D. Romans Road to Salvation (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).