

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for November 1-2, 2003

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"Pursuing God in Our Church"

Colossians 4:7-18

Colossians 1 grounds the church in truth.

Colossians 2 guards the church from error.

Colossians 3:1-17 grows the church in relation to God.

Colossians 3:18-4:18 grows the church in relation to others.

1. The Faithful Brothers (4:7-9)

a. Tychicus (Acts 20:4; Ephesians 6:21; Titus 3:12; 2 Timothy 4:12)

Tychicus served as a liaison of Paul to churches.

b. Onesimus (Philemon 10-18)

Onesimus serves as an example of forgiveness.

In their faithfulness we see:

- a. Concern: seen in information
- b. Cooperation: seen in participation
- c. Comfort: seen in visitation

2. The Fellow Workers (4:10-11)

a. Aristarchus (Acts 19:29; 20:4; 27:2; Philemon 24)

b. Mark (Acts 13:5,13; 15:36-40; 2 Timothy 4:11; Philemon 24; 1 Peter 5:13)

c. Jesus, called Justus

Those who faithfully serve with us provide encouragement to us.

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3. The Fervent Servant (4:12-13)

- Epaphras (Colossians 1:7)

We can always serve people through prayer

4. The Favored Author (4:14)

- Luke (Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11)

The path to being beloved is through servicing others.

5. The Future Apostate (4:14)

- Demas (Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:10)

The church consists of wheat and tares (Matthew 13:24-30).

6. The Final Injunctions (4:15-18)

"Greet" (1:15) - The role of God's church

"Read" (1:16) - The role of God's Word

"Heed" (1:17) - The role of God's work

Proceed (1:18) - The role of God's grace

By God's grace we can pursue righteousness and fulfill our ministry.