

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (Colossians 4:7-18)

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?  
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. As You look at this sermon series through the book of Colossians, what has stood out to you the most?  
Is there anything in particular that you've felt the Lord calling you to start, stop, or continue in from our time in this book?
3. Consider the list of names Paul lists in the closing verses of Colossians (4:7-17).  
So many of these people faithfully labored alongside Paul for the gospel, many of them enduring hardship alongside him too.  
As you consider your own life, would you have a list of names of people who continue to labor alongside you?  
If so, who are those people, and how has the Lord used them in your life? (Give thanks to the Lord for them!!)  
If not, pray for the Lord to lead fellow laborers with you and to give you the perspective of a laborer for the Gospel!
4. What is needed for us to be able to persevere in our faith in Christ?  
As you consider your life right now, what specific steps can you take to strengthen your relationship with Jesus?  
Consider Colossians 3:15-17 (our benediction passage) - how can this verse both motivate and empower us to do so?
5. In Paul's conclusion he mentions other relationships with local churches in nearby areas (Laodicea, Colossae, etc.)  
What can we takeaway from this description as we look at our relationships with those in other Bible-believing churches?  
How can we seek to better partner with other local churches to demonstrate Christ's love and minister together in His name?
6. Paul's final words are, "Remember my chains. Grace be with you."  
What does it look like to "remember his chains" and how can this be a call to prayer in Him?  
Why is "grace be with you," more than just a statement of peace but actually a continuation of the reality of the Gospel?
7. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the end of the sermon.  
Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?
  1. **Praying for each other is not the LEAST we can do!**  
*Like Epaphras - we should labor in prayer for each other!*
  2. **In Christ, our past sins and failures have no hold on us!**  
*Like Mark - Our Lord can & will use us again if we seek Him!*
  3. **Our faith in Christ alone is not lived out "alone"!**  
*Like Paul - We need others to most effectively serve & grow!*
  4. **Stand firm in the truth & persevere in Christ's strength!**  
*UNLIKE Demas - Don't let this world's ways lead you astray!*