

“Jesus First. Jesus Always.”

Pastor Wesley Sabio - March 29, 2026 - Colossians 4:2-18

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2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. 4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. 5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

7 Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. 8 I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. 9 He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.

10 My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) 11 Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends his greetings. These are the only Jews among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. 13 I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis.

14 Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. 15 Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. 16 After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea.

17 Tell Archippus: “See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord.” 18 I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

Big Idea:

Because Jesus is supreme and sufficient, our lives should reflect Him through prayer, witness, and service.

1) Devoted to Prayer (vv. 2–4)

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

What this means:

- Devoted = steadfast, consistent, intentional
- Watchful = spiritually alert, aware of what God is doing
- Thankful = rooted in gratitude, not entitlement

Key truths:

- Prayer is more than asking → it’s communion WITH God
- Prayer expresses dependence, humility, and trust
- God’s delays ≠ God’s denials
- Even in hardship, God can still use us (like Paul in chains)

Practical application:

- Pray for:
 - Open doors for the Gospel
 - Clear proclamation of Jesus
- Especially leading into Easter week

2) Wise in Our Witness (vv. 5–6)

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders...”

What this means:

- Live with intentionality around non-believers
- Make the most of every opportunity
- Represent Jesus well in both actions and words

Key truths:

- People are watching and listening
- Our lives either support or undermine our message
- Our speech should be:
 - Full of grace
 - Seasoned with salt (engaging, helpful, Christ-centered)

Practical application:

- Pause before responding
- Let the Spirit shape your words
- Speak in ways that point people to Jesus

3) Faithful in Our Service (vv. 7–18)

Paul's example: a community of faithful servants

What we see in the people listed:

- Faithful ministers
- Encouragers
- Co-laborers
- Prayer warriors
- People who open their homes
- People who complete their calling

Key truths:

- Faithfulness matters more than platform
- Everyone has a role in God's kingdom
- We are called to finish what God has given us

Practical application:

- **Ask:** *What has God entrusted to me?*
- **Walk faithfully in:**
 - Family
 - Work

- Ministry
- Remember and pray for persecuted believers - prisoneralert.com

The Foundation: Who Jesus Is

Scroll down to see the list of who Paul declares Jesus to be in Colossians.

Bottom line:

- ➔ *This life isn't about trying harder. It's about seeing Jesus clearly.*
 - ➔ When we see Him rightly, obedience becomes a natural response.
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Reflection Questions (For the Week)

Personal Reflection

1. What does my current prayer life reveal about what I truly depend on?
2. Where have I become discouraged in prayer? What would it look like to stay devoted?
3. Am I more focused on talking *to* God or being *with* God?

Witness & Relationships

4. How am I representing Jesus in my everyday interactions (work, home, friends)?
5. Are my words more often marked by grace or by frustration?
6. Who in my life needs to hear about Jesus this week?

Faithfulness & Calling

7. What has God entrusted to me right now (roles, responsibilities, relationships)?
8. Am I being faithful in those areas? Why or why not?
9. What is one step I can take this week to walk more faithfully in my calling?

Gospel Focus

10. Which truth about Jesus from Colossians stood out to me most?
11. How does seeing Jesus more clearly change the way I live this week?

Call to Action

- Commit to intentional prayer this week
 - Look for one opportunity to share or show Jesus
 - Take one step of faithfulness in what God has called you to
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In the book of Colossians, we see Paul declare that Jesus is...

- **The Son of God**
 - *Colossians 1:13* – “the Son he loves”
- **Our Redeemer and Forgiver of sins**
 - *Colossians 1:14* – “in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins”
- **The Image of the Invisible God**
 - *Colossians 1:15* – “The Son is the image of the invisible God”
- **The Firstborn over all creation (supreme over creation)**
 - *Colossians 1:15* – “the firstborn over all creation”
- **The Creator of all things**
 - *Colossians 1:16* – “For in him all things were created... all things have been created through him and for him”
- **Preexistent (before all things)**
 - *Colossians 1:17* – “He is before all things”
- **The Sustainer of all things**
 - *Colossians 1:17* – “in him all things hold together”
- **The Head of the Church**
 - *Colossians 1:18* – “And he is the head of the body, the church”
- **The Beginning**
 - *Colossians 1:18* – “he is the beginning”
- **The Firstborn from among the dead**
 - *Colossians 1:18* – “the firstborn from among the dead”
- **Supreme over everything (preeminent)**
 - *Colossians 1:18* – “so that in everything he might have the supremacy”
- **The Fullness of God dwelling in him**
 - *Colossians 1:19* – “For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him”

- *Colossians 2:9* — “For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form”
- **The Reconciler of all things to God**
 - *Colossians 1:20* — “and through him to reconcile to himself all things... by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross”
- **The Indwelling Hope of Glory**
 - *Colossians 1:27* — “Christ in you, the hope of glory”
- **The One in whom are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge**
 - *Colossians 2:3* — “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”
- **The One who brings fullness to believers**
 - *Colossians 2:10* — “and in Christ you have been brought to fullness”
- **The Head over every power and authority**
 - *Colossians 2:10* — “He is the head over every power and authority”
- **The One who forgives and makes us alive**
 - *Colossians 2:13* — “God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins”
- **The One who cancels our debt of sin**
 - *Colossians 2:14* — “having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness... he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross”
- **The Victor over spiritual powers**
 - *Colossians 2:15* — “And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross”
- **The Reality (substance) of what was to come**
 - *Colossians 2:17* — “the reality, however, is found in Christ”
- **The Source of growth for the Church**
 - *Colossians 2:19* — “from whom the whole body... grows as God causes it to grow”
- **Seated at the right hand of God**
 - *Colossians 3:1* — “where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God”
- **The Believer’s life**
 - *Colossians 3:4* — “Christ, who is your life”
- **The Coming One in glory**
 - *Colossians 3:4* — “When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory”
- **The Lord we serve**
 - *Colossians 3:24* — “It is the Lord Christ you are serving”

- **The Impartial Judge**
 - *Colossians 3:25* — “there is no favoritism”
- **The Mystery of God revealed**
 - *Colossians 4:3* — “the mystery of Christ”