

COLOSSIANS AND PHILEMON

Paul's Companions and Friends Colossians 4:7-15

Lesson 11

- Intro.
1. Companionships and friends exercise a mutual influence upon each other. We are blessed or cursed by ours and we either bless or curse them. This is something we can determine.
 2. It is clear from Paul's letters that his personal friends were an important part of his life.
 3. Learn what you can about Paul's friends mentioned in Colossians. Do what you can to reconstruct their lives in chronological order and note especially their relationship with Paul.

I. Paul's Messengers:

1. Tychicus (vs. 7)

2. Onesimus (vs. 9)

II. Paul's Companions Sending Greetings to the Colossians

1. Aristarchus (vs. 1)

2. Mark (vs. 10)

3. "Jesus who is also called Justus" (vs. 11) Nothing more is known of him.
4. Epaphras (vss. 12-13, also 1:7)

5. Luke (vs. 14) What very important thing do you learn about Luke comparing vss. 11 and 14?

6. Demas (vs. 14)

III. Friends in Colossae Greeted by Paul

1. "Nymphas (or Nympha) and the church that is in his (her) house"

2. "The church of the Laodiceans"

3. Archippas

IV. Closing Exhortations (vss. 16-18)

1. Were the epistles written to one church for that church only? How does this fact help us in interpretation of the epistles in our day?
2. What do vss. 13 and 16 together with this epistle teach us about how many churches were in Asia?

Conclusion: Find other examples of the "post script" contained in verse 18.