



Colossians

1. Faith in the sovereignty of Jesus
2. Centrality of Christ
3. The Things Above - how we are to live

COLOSSIANS 4

Mystery..

THAT WE ARE TO
SHARE

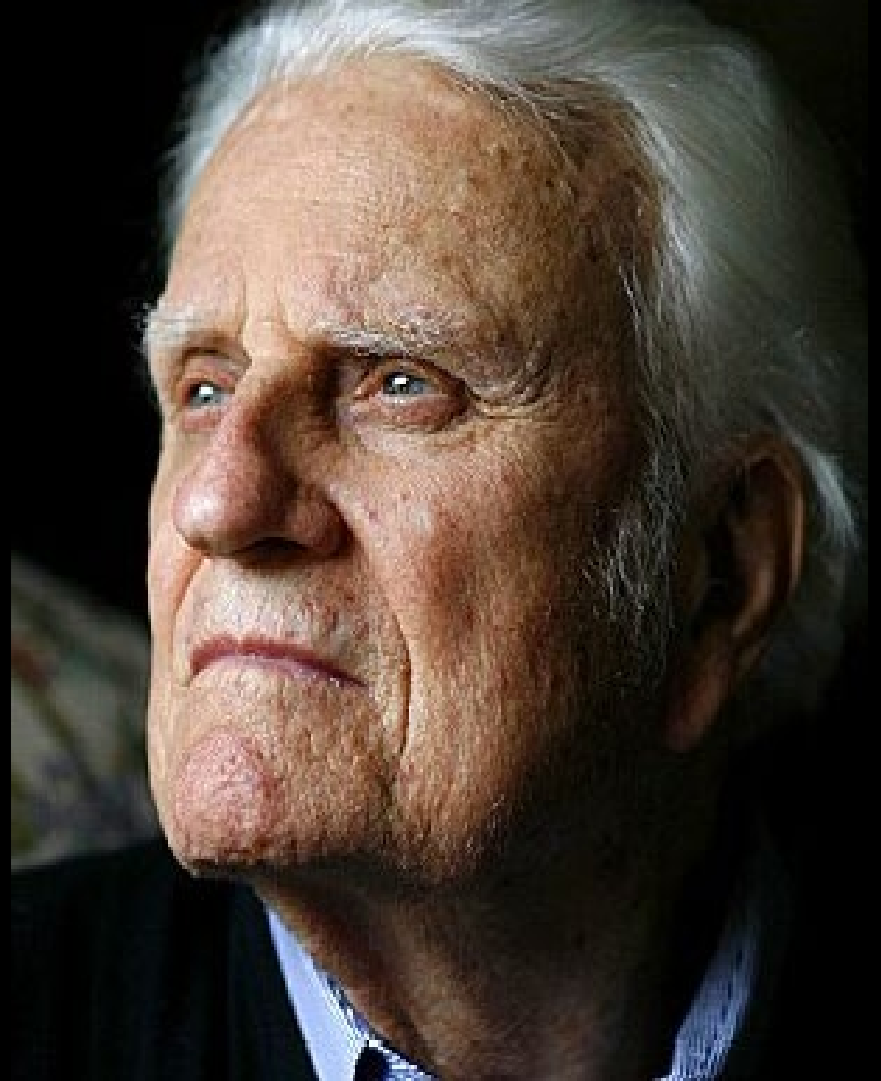
**I never thought
I will reach 90,
so it looks as if
the Lord has more
work for me to do.
And it's been a joy
to serve you.**

David Pawson



**By the time you read
this, I will be in heaven,
and as I write this I'm
looking forward with
great anticipation
to the day when
I will be in God's
presence forever.**

Billy Graham

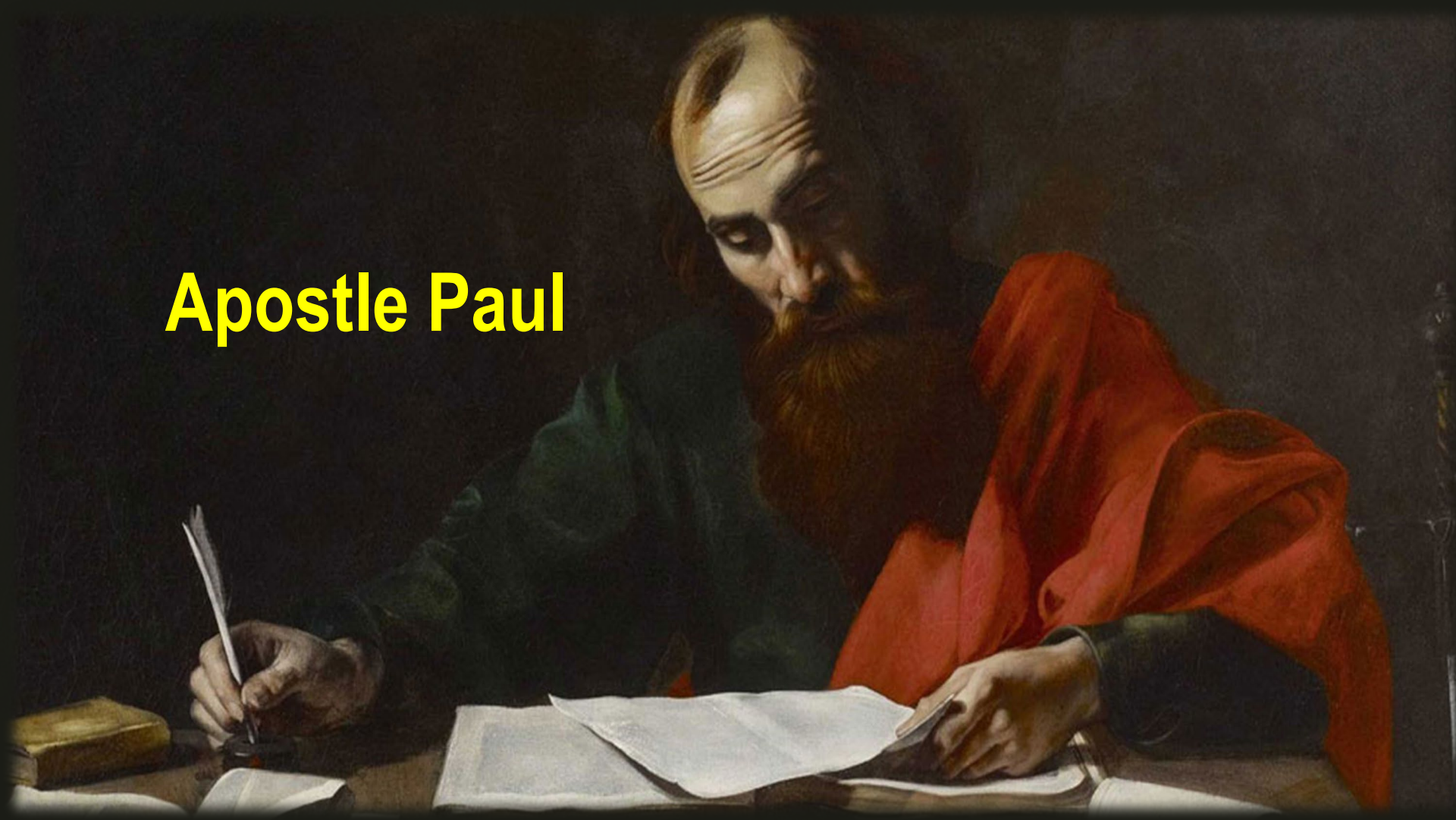


**Because Jesus lives,
I also will live.**

Ravi Zechariah



Apostle Paul



A piece of brown, textured paper with a torn edge. A vertical strip of the paper is rolled up on the left side. A horizontal tear in the paper reveals a white surface underneath.

Mystery..

THAT WE ARE TO
SHARE

A black and white photograph of a young girl with long, dark hair. She has her eyes closed and her hands clasped together in front of her chest in a prayerful gesture. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a window with light coming through. Overlaid on the right side of the image is the text "Let's Pray" in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Let's
Pray



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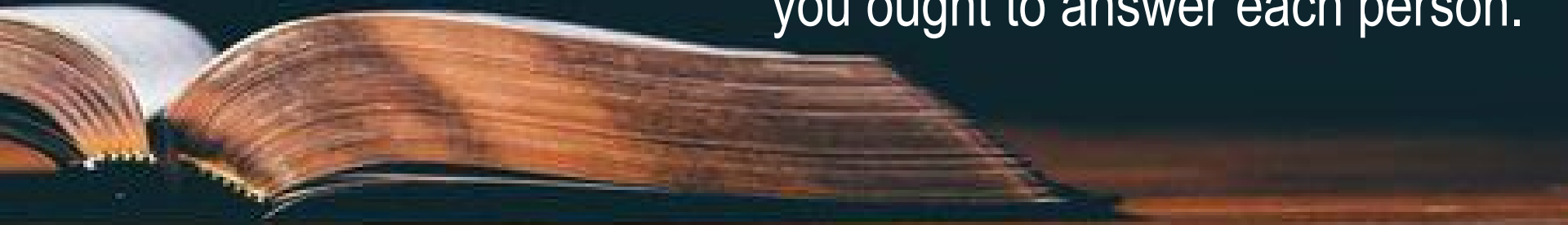
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v2-6 - Final instructions to the Colossians

v7-18 - Final greetings to the Colossians

Colossian 4:2-6

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. ⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.



Colossians 1:27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this **mystery**, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 2:2 That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of **God's mystery**, which is Christ.



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Colossians 4:3-4





A. WATCH PRAYERFULLY

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Colossians 4:2-4





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2. Watch our hearts.

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Colossians 4:2-4



PRAY



WATCH

GIVE THANKS

**ARE WE
THANKFUL?**





1. Watch what is happening around us.
2. Watch our hearts.
3. Watch out for the schemes of the evil one.

The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy.

A person wearing a dark hood and a blue mask with a vertical slit for the mouth. Their eyes are visible through the mask. A hand is reaching forward from the center, palm facing the viewer, with fingers slightly spread. The background is dark and smoky.

John 10:10a



WATCH AND PRAY



1. Watch what is happening around us.
2. Watch our hearts.
3. Watch out for the schemes of the evil one.
4. Watch what God is doing.

¹² **Epaphras**, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always **struggling** on your behalf **in his prayers**, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. ¹³ For I bear him witness that he has **worked hard for you** and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis.

Colossians 4:12-13



**Talking to men for God
is a great thing
but talking to God
for men is greater still.**

E. M. Bounds



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WATCH PRAYERFULLY



**Have you been
praying?**

3 July 2020 (8pm)



**COME JOIN US TO PRAY FOR
OUR CHURCH & NATION!**

WORSHIP AND INTERCESSION

A low-angle, rear-view shot of a person walking on a gravel path. The person is wearing blue jeans and brown shoes with light-colored soles. The path is made of small, light-colored gravel and has a white dashed line running down the center. The background is a blurred green field under bright, natural light. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the lower left portion of the image, containing the text "B. WALK WISELY" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

B. WALK WISELY

Walk in wisdom toward **outsiders**,
making the best use of the time. (ESV)

Live wisely among those who are **not believers**,
and make the most of every opportunity. (NIV)

Colossians 4:5



**Lessons are often
caught than taught.**



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Colossians 4:5



If any of you **lacks wisdom**,
let him **ask God**, who gives generously to all
without reproach, and it will be given him.

James 1:5





**Have you learned
to walk in wisdom?**



C. WITNESS GRACIOUSLY

⁶ Let your **speech** always be **gracious**, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Colossians 2:6



¹⁰ ... **Mark** the cousin of Barnabas
(concerning whom you have received instructions—
if he comes to you, **welcome him**)

Colossians 4:10



⁶ Let your **speech** always be gracious, **seasoned with salt**,
so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Colossians 2:6





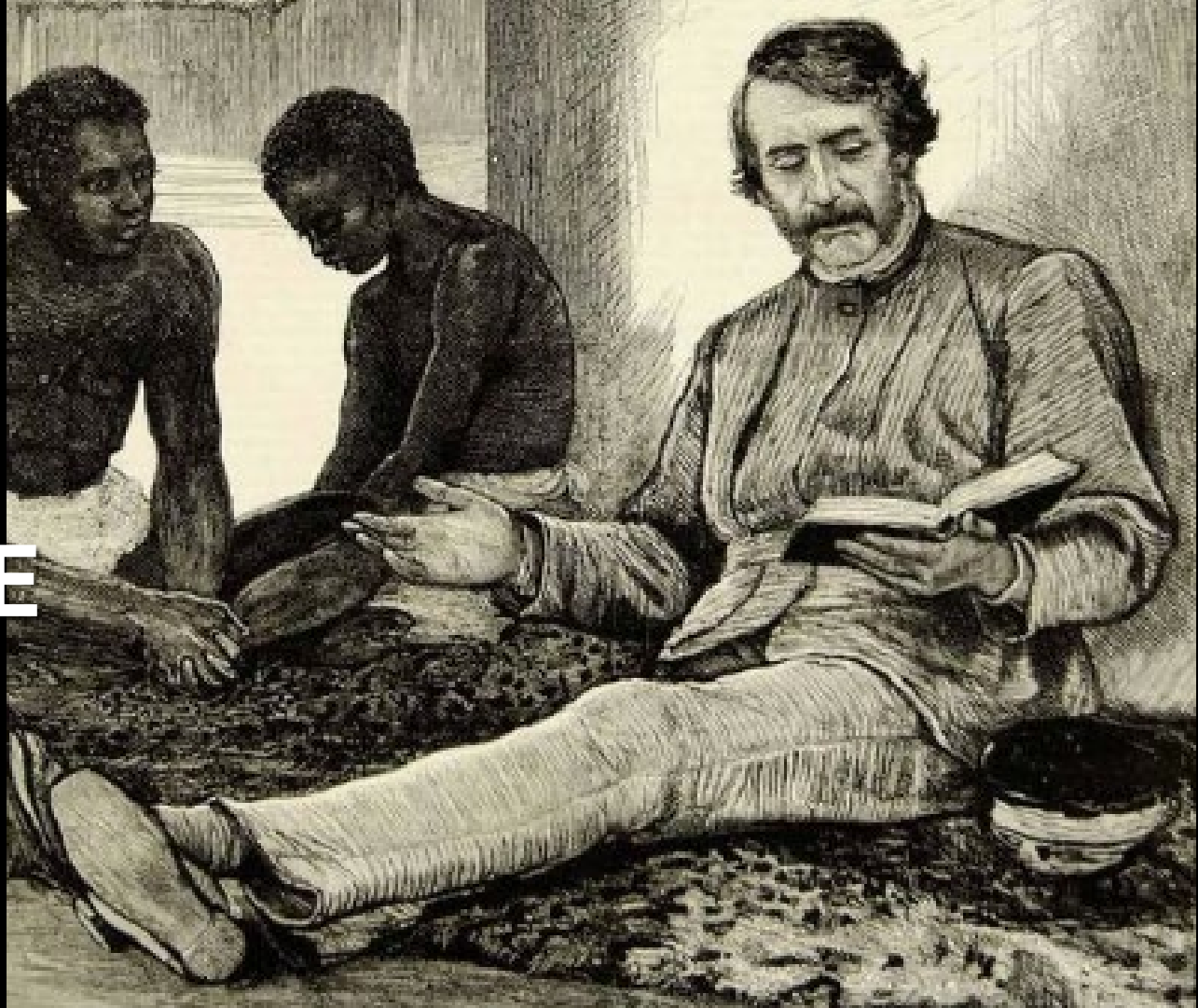
- Loving the person
- Listening to him/her
- Leading by the Spirit

⁸ I have sent him (**Tychicus**) to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts. ⁹ and with him **Onesimus**, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

Colossians 4:8-9



DAVID LIVINGSTONE





**Who
can we share
the gospel
with?**



COLOSSIANS

Would you –

- Watch Prayerfully
- Walk Wisely
- Witness Graciously?

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18 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand.
Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen

Colossians 4:18



**Let's
Pray**

