



God's Faithful Christian Servants Colossians 4:7-18

- 1) Christ's sufficiency in salvation leads us to victory (1:1—4:6)
- 2) Christ's faithful servants encourage one another (4:7-17)
 - a) Tychicus: profoundly trusted (7-8)
 - b) Onesimus: repentant; beloved (9)
 - c) Aristarchus: faithful behind-the-scenes (10-11)
 - d) Mark: forgiven; restored; matured (10)
 - e) Epaphras: prayer laborer (12-13)
 - f) Luke: faithful & beloved (14)
 - g) Demas: fair-weathered (14; cf. 2 Tim. 4:10)
- 3) God sees all service to Him, things others do not
 - a) Behind-the-scenes ministry does more than we think
 - b) There is greatness in the smallest things done for Christ
 - c) Momentary things done for Christ are eternal
 - d) So-called *nobodies* make the so-called *somebodies*
 - i) Blocking in football
 - ii) Anonymous monetary gift that propels one in need
 - iii) Evangelist that fuels a missionary/pastor
- 4) Some of our best friendships spring forth from forgiveness
 - a) Don't be stubborn! Forgive, and move on
 - b) Fellowship w/ God equates to fellowship w/ each other
 - c) Christian fellowship matures us, giving us a greater capacity for sorrow, and joy.