

I. The Faithful**A. Faithful in prayer – Epaphras [12-13]**

Colossians 4:12-13 - 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.

B. Faithful in little – Tychicus [7-8]

Colossians 4:7-8 - 7 **Tychicus** will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and **faithful minister and fellow servant** in the Lord. 8 I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts,

C. Faithful in calling – Luke [14]

Colossians 4:14 - **Luke the beloved physician** greets you, as does Demas.

D. Faithful to the end – Aristarchus [10]

Colossians 4:10 - **Aristarchus my fellow prisoner** greets you and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him),

Colossians 4:14 - Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does **Demas**.

2 Timothy 4:10 - **Demas has forsaken me**, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica

2 Timothy 4:7 - I have **fought the good fight**, I have finished the race, I have **kept the faith**.

Isaiah 46:4 - Even to your old age I am he, and **to gray hairs I will carry you**, I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save

II. The Redeemed**A. Redeemed to be used – Onesimus [9]**

Colossians 4:9 - 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.

Philemon 11 - (**Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful** to you and to me.)

B. Redeemed from failure – Mark [10]

Colossians 4:10 - Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you and **Mark** the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—**if he comes to you, welcome him**)

2 Timothy 4:11 - **take Mark** and bring him with you for **he's profitable to me for the ministry**.

III. The Charge**A. Charge to be faithful – Archippus [17]**

Colossians 4:17 - And say to **Archippus**, "**See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received** in the Lord."

B. Charge to receive grace – Church [18]

Colossians 4:18 - I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. **Grace be with you**.

Conclusion

Romans 9:11 – though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, **not because of works but because of him who calls**