

Colossians 4:10-18
“Church Members: Part 2”

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I. Christians greet each other (4:10, 12, 14, 15, 18)

- A. Seems a small thing, but it’s a big thing.
- B. Why do Christians greet each other? (Lk. 19:5; Lk. 24:13-35; Jn. 20:19; Jn. 21; Jn. 14:16-31; Ro. 8:15)
- C. Greet each other.
- D. Why don’t we greet?

II. Christians receive each other (4:10).

- A. Paul tells the Colossians to receive Mark if he comes.
- B. Receiving is more than greeting.
- C. What it means to receive
- D. Levels of receiving.
- E. The Christian life is to be an open life.

III. Christians comfort each other (4:11).

- A. Paul says that Aristarchus, Mark, and Jesus/Justus are the only fellow workers of the circumcision with him.
- B. The best comforters and encouragers are those who know us best.
- C. The open life of a Christian will/ought lead to close and lasting friendships.
- D. Are you such a friend?

IV. Christians pray for each other (4:12).

- A. Epaphras, one of the Colossians.
- B. How to think about isolation.
- C. Spiritual benefit for time apart.

V. Christians refrain from suspicion (4:14).

- A. Beloved Luke
- B. And Demas.

VI. Christians share the Word with each other (4:16).

- A. “When this letter is read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans.”
- B. We do not hoard God’s Word.

VII. Christians stir each other up (4:17).

- A. “Say to Archippus, “Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.”
- B. All Christians, pastors included, will be tempted to neglect our calling.
- C. All Christians have received some kind of ministry from God: a service.
- D. Stir each other up: to remember the value and dignity of that service.

VIII. Christians remember each other (4:18).

- A. Paul was parted from the Colossians.
- B. With time we will be parted from each other.
- C. Remember each other.
- D. We serve a Master who always remembers us.