

**INTRODUCTION**

- A. **MISSIONARY LETTERS:** *Galatians(c15); 1,2 Thessalonians(c18); 1,2 Corinthians(c21); Romans(c21)*
- B. **ROMAN JAIL** (Acts 28:16; 30,31; see 24:27)
- C. **PRISON LETTERS:** *Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon*
- D. **FINAL LETTERS:** *1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy* (the Pastoral Letters)

**LETTERS FROM A ROMAN JAIL: COLOSSIANS** (Acts 28:16f,30f; Col.4:3,10 (Eph.6:20); see 1:7; 3:14; 4:7,10,12; see 1:13,24; 2:8; 4:3)

- A. **PAUL'S CONNECTION TO THE COLOSSIANS** (2:1; 4:13-16; see Acts 19:10; Col.1:7; 4:12)
- B. **COLOSSIANS CONNECTION TO EPHESIANS** (*New You* below; esp.2:13f (Eph.2:4f); 3:1-4:4 (Eph.4:2-6:20))
- C. **A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS** (see *Colossians Road* below; also 1:15-20; 27-29; 2:3-12; 16-23)

**THE NEW YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!** (see Col.3:10; see 2Pt.1:12f)

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- A. **CONFIDENT EXPECTATION: OLD DOGS, NEW TRICKS** (Ps.71:9; 92:14 / Eccl.12:1f)
- B. **HISTORY OF REDEMPTION: OUT WITH OLD & IN WITH NEW** (Col.1:13; Dt.6:23)

**I. PASSIVE UNDER SOVEREIGN GRACE** (see Phil.2:12)

- A. **DARKNESS & SON** (1:13a&b (Jn.1:9; 3:19; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46; Heb.1:3); see Acts 26:18; Dt.6:23)
- B. **BURIED & RAISED** (2:12a&b; see 1:14; 2:10-13; see Eph.2:5)
- C. **DIED TO & RAISED TO** (2:20 & 3:1; see 2:20-23(Gal.4:3); 3:1-4)

**II. MADE ACTIVE UNDER SOVEREIGN GRACE** (see Phil.2:13)

- A. **LAID ASIDE & HAVE PUT ON** (3:9&10; see Eph.4:22-24)
- B. **PUT TO DEATH & PUT ON** (3:5-8 & 12-17; see Eph.4:25-32)
- C. **(REBELLION) & RESPECT** (3:18; Eph.5:21,24,33b; see Prov.21:9,19)
- D. **BITTERNESS & LOVE** (3:19; Eph.5:25-33)
- E. **(DISOBEDIENCE) & OBEDIENCE** (3:20; Eph.6:1-3; see Tt.1:6; Dt.21:18f)
- F. **EXASPERATION & (DISCIPLESHIP)** (3:21; Eph.6:4)
- G. **EYE-SERVICE & HEART-SERVICE** (3:22-25; Eph.6:5-8)
- H. **THREATENING & EQUITY** (4:1; Eph.6:9)

**CONCLUSION: PUT ON THE NEW SELF IN THE NEW YEAR!**

(*The Colossians Road of Life in Christ; (1) 1:13a&b; (2) 2:12a&b; (3) 2:20&3:1; (4) 3:9&10; (5) 3:5f&12f; (6) 3:18-4:1; see Eph.2:5f; 4:20-32; 5:21-6:9; see Gal.5:16f; 19f&22f*)

Discussion question:

Brethren, `what shall we do? (see Acts 2:37f)