

COLOSSIANS

Mature in Christ

Paul's Greetings in Christ

Colossians 4:15-18

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in Heaven, you have spoken. You have revealed yourself through your creation and most specifically through your perfect, good and glorious Word. Thank you for giving us your Word, Father. Would you in your kindness and mercy open our eyes see your glory and give us ears know your joy and peace and holiness by your Spirit. We confess our hearts are often being carried off by every emotion and imagination of our day. Our lives seldom are rooted and anchored but instead they drift and are carried along by the current of the daily events and news and experiences. Lord, come by the power of your Spirit and root our hearts, anchor our thoughts, establish our lives in the abiding, sure and stable truth of your Word. May we confess our doubts that your Word is eternal and right and true. May we confess our fears to submit and obey your Word at all cost. May we confess our foolish confidence to listen to so many other things throughout this past week and avoid the pure, refreshing water of your Word. May we hear you speak to us this morning, O LORD, as we listen together with the help of your Spirit and may we see the resplendent glory and majesty of Jesus Christ our preeminent Savior and LORD. *Amen & Amen.*

OUTLINE

1. Congregational Instruction (vv. 15-16)
2. Pastoral Exhortation (v. 17)
3. Personal Consideration (v. 18)

Central Textual Truth

Paul calls the Colossians to receive his personal greeting in Christ.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to receive one another as examples of Christ's preeminence.