

COLOSSIANS – 4:4-9

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.”

- Colossians 4:5

1. 4:4 – Doing What we Ought

- a. The door is an opportunity to utter – The prayer is for the door to be open
- b. Paul’s utterances are what imprisoned him – Col 4:4, Eph 3:1, 2 Tim 2:8-9, 1:15-17
- c. We are easily persuaded to compromise and be silent – Eph 6:19-20, Titus 1:11
- d. “Manifest” – To make it clear and plain, not watered down or confusing
- e. Grace says “ought” and “should”, law says “must” – Exo 18:20 / Eph 2:10
- f. We ought to walk a certain way – 1 Thes 4:1, 2 Thess 3:7, Eph 4:1, 5:28, Rom 15:1

2. 4:5 – Wise Walk

- a. The wise walk comes from understanding the doctrine - Col 1:9-10
- b. The wise understand God’s will, it keeps the heart and mind - Eph 5:17, Phil 4:7
- c. “that are without” – Those without Christ → Eph 5:15-16 how? 5:7-13
- d. The days are evil; these aren’t godly times – Eph 5:16, Rom 11:32, Phil 2:15
- e. This changes our perspective – Our time needs to be redeemed - Titus 2:8
- f. We don’t count on the system, we provide for our own – Titus 3:14, 1 Thes 4:12
- g. Redeeming the time = Doing God’s will – 1 Tim 2:4, Phil 2:21
- h. Use the time and liberty for good, not for selfishness – Gal 5:13

3. 4:6 – Knowing How to Answer

- a. Speech – has not to do with cuss words, or polite language, but the content
- b. All way(s) with grace doctrine, understanding, application – Col 3:16, 2 Cor 6:1
- c. Salt bites, it amplifies, it is sharp, poignant – 2 Cor 11:3-6, 1 Cor 1:17,21, 2:1-2
- d. “That ye may know” ← The apologetics verse: 1 Pet 3:15, but it is clear already
- e. Every man’s answer is found in the mystery of Christ plainly spoken

4. 4:7-9 – Faithful Brethren

- a. He is one of Paul’s most faithful – from Acts 20:4 to Titus 3:12
- b. Tychicus travels around comforting and encouraging – 2 Tim 4:12, Titus 3:12
- c. God comforts, grace comforts, we comfort – Col 2:2, 2 Cor 1:3-4, Rom 15:4
- d. To Comfort (verb) means to strengthen, to console – Col 1:11, Phil 4:13, Rom 1:12,
- e. Onesimus was the runaway slave in Philemon – He was Colossian
- f. We all are able to minister grace, to matter our calling or history - 1 Cor 7:20