

COLOSSIANS – 4:10-18

“Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.”

- Colossians 4:24

1. 4:10 – Marcus’ Confirmation

- a. Aristarchus is from Macedonia, Thessalonica – Acts 19:29, 20:4
- b. He is faithful unto bonds, traveling all over – Acts 27:2, 1 Thess 1:6-8
- c. Marcus bailed on Paul once, and caused a split – Acts 12:25, 13:13, 15:36-40
- d. “receive him” - He turned out to be profitable – 2 Tim 4:11
- e. Who was John Mark? → Acts 12:12, Phm 24
- f. Marcus was Peter’s “son” → 1 Peter 5:13... and Silas? 1 Peter 5:12

2. 4:11 – Justus of the Circumcision

- a. Who is your brother? – 2 Peter 3:15, Rom 9:3, 11:25 → definition 2 Thess 3:15
- b. Paul ministered to Jews also, but not the gospel – Rom 2:16, 15:20, 25-26
- c. Peter and Paul’s people knew each others, they knew the difference – Acts 18:26
- d. Aquilla and Priscilla were Jews - Acts 18:2, so was Justus 18:7-8
- e. Apparently there is more than one Justus – Acts 1:23
- f. “Circumcision” → They were Jews who worked with Paul to preach the mystery

3. 4:12-14 – Epaphras’ Purpose

- a. “one of you” – Colossians – These are Epaphras’ folks - Col 1:7
- b. His zealous labourious prayers have worked out to their edification – Col 1:8
- c. Luke was Paul’s physician and stayed with him; Demas left – 2 Tim 4:10-11

4. 4:15-16 – Nymphas’ House Church

- a. The Holy Ghost is in you, not a building – 1 Cor 3:16
- b. Look a house! → 1 Tim 3:15, but...Eph 2:21-22
- c. The church is the people not a place - 1 Cor 1:2, 4:17, Eph 1:23, 5:30
- d. There are churches in houses, but never is the house a church – Rom 16:5
- e. Some houses don’t fit many people – Acts 13:44, 14:21, 1 Cor 11:22, 14:35
- f. “House” can mean people, temple, nation → Mat 10:6, 11:8, 12:4, 21:13, Acts 7:10

5. 4:17-18 – Archippus’ Admonition

- a. He ministered with Paul – Phm 2
- b. He, like others in Asia, were being distracted – 2 Tim 1:13-15
- c. Do the work! → 2 Tim 1:6-8, 4:5
- d. We all have all a ministry to make all men see – Eph 3:9, 2 Tim 2:2