



MESSAGE NOTES

Set Free with a Thankful Heart

Colossians 4:2-6

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1. Watchful and Thankful

Colossians 4:2 “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

We need to be watchful and thankful for what our loving Heavenly Father has planned for us so we can be in step with what he is doing.

2. Full of Hope and Expectation

Colossians 4:3 “And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.”

Paul was prayerful and expecting doors to open and praying to be able to share the good news no matter what.

Colossians 4:4 “Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.”

Paul’s prayer was to be able to share the message of Christ clearly.

3. How to Act Toward Outsiders

Colossians 4:5-6 “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

These are clear instructions on what to do to share the message of Christ.

Conclusion: Be thankful and notice what God is doing. Watch and pray. God is the one who gives us that wisdom so let’s pray for that wisdom to be able to share more clearly the message of Christ. Join in the work that God has planned for you. Christmas season is a wonderful time to share this message.

Psalm 100 “Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his[a]; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.