

**Sermon Series: *Jesus, Our All In All* Sermon Title: *Heavenly Minded Prayer, Speech, and Love* Scripture: Colossians 4:3-18** Pastor Chris Fritz Sunday, December 8, 2019

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. HEAVENLY MINDED PRAYER**

**A. When we are “heavenly minded” our prayers will be…**

1) …steadfast and faithful, even \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ persistent! (Eph. 6:18; Luke 18:1; Rom. 12:12)

2) …watchful and \_\_\_\_\_ to both dangers/temptations and to blessings/opportunities. (Matt. 26:40-41)

3) …filled with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Colossians 4:2)

4) …both personal and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ focused. (Colossians 4:3-4)

5) …concentrated on the glory of God and the spread of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Colossians 4:3-4)

**II. HEAVENLY MINDED SPEECH**

**A. One who is heavenly minded…**

1) …strives to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about the truth concerning Jesus. (Colossians 4:4)

2) …is aware of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ words can have upon others. (Colossians 4:5-6)

Note: Our speech should always be gracious, that is guided by and wrapped in truth and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Note: Our speech should be both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (in a good way!) and beneficial to our listeners.

**III. HEAVENLY MINDED LOVE**

1) Tychicus… the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, faithful, beloved brother! (Colossians 4:7-8)

2) Onesimus… the beloved brother with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ past. (Colossians 4:9; 3:11)

3) Aristarchus… the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-enduring, sympathetic servant. (Colossians 4:10; Acts 19; Acts 27

4) Mark (cousin of Barnabas)… the former deserter but now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brother! (Col. 4:10; 2 Tim. 4:11)

5) Jesus (called Justus)… he was there, he was Jewish, and he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Paul. (Col. 4:11)

6) Epaphras… the hard-working, agonizing, prayer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (Colossians 4:12-13)

7) Luke… the beloved physician and Paul’s faithful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Colossians 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:11)

8) Demas… the guy with a really \_\_\_\_\_ future. (Colossians 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:10)

9) Nympha… the faithful believer who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worship in her house. (Colossians 4:15-16)

10) Archippus… the believer with a specific ministry to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Colossians 4:17)

***“I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.” (18)***

**Take Home Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application…**

1. What does it mean “continue steadfastly in prayer”? What are some things you could do to foster more prayer and fellowship with God throughout the day?
2. What does it mean to be “alert” and “watchful” in prayer? Alert to what? Watchful for what?
3. What are some practical ways you can begin to pray for others and for the spread of the Gospel?
4. How can you help make the truth about Jesus “clear” this Christmas Season?
5. What lessons can we learn from Paul as he mentions and describes the believers he is serving with? How did Paul view and think of the believers around him?