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CHURCH

Christ in our Prayer- Colossians 4:2-6

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Introduction:

Text: Colossians 4:2-6 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.
5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

I. Christ in us Praying, Vs. 2-4

Colossians 1:3
Colossians 1:9
Colossians 4:3
Colossians 4:12

A. Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful, w/ thanksgiving-

1. continue steadfastly

Acts 1:14
Acts 2:42,
Acts 6:4
Romans 12:12
1 Thess 5:17

2. being watchful

Matthew 26: 26,38, 40-41
Matt 24:42-43; 25:13
1 Thessalonians 5:6,10

1 Peter 5:8

3. thankful

1. for PAST answers

Psalm 18:49

2. for FUTURE provision.

John 11:41-42

Daniel 6:10

"He who kneels before God can stand before anyone"

Eph 1:16, Phil 4:6, Col 1:3, 1 Thess 1:2, 2:1, 2 Tim 1:3, Philem 1:4

B. Pray for us- open doors to declare the mystery of Christ, making it as clear as I should.

1. open doors-

2. clarity on his own part -

Why then pray about what God is already committed to?

II. Jesus' Example

Luke 18:1

Luke 6:12ff

Matthew 26:36

Luke 22:32

Mark 1:35 & Luke 5:16

III. Make the most of our Time, Vs 5-6

A. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders/non Christians

B. Your speech gracious and "salty"

C. Know how to answer each person as we ought to

Close-

Quotes on prayer: http://www.christian-prayer-quotes.christian-attorney.net/

"If I fail to spend two hours in prayer each morning, the devil gets the victory through the day. I have so much business I cannot get on without spending three hours daily in prayer. Martin Luther