

Rooted in Christ
15. Partners Together (Colossians 4:7-18)

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Introduction : team leadership

Eight Co-Workers

- Tychicus (vv.7,8)
- Onesimus (v.9)
- Aristarchus (v.10)
- Mark (v.10)
- Justus (v.11)
- Epaphras (v.12,13)
- Luke (v.14)
- Demas (v.14)

Greetings (vv.15,17)

Instructions (v.16)

In my own hand (v.18)

References: 1 Pet.1:25; Ps.62:8; 2 Tim.4:10,11; 1 Jn.2:15; Jn.16:33; 2 Tim.3:12; Rev.3:15,16,20

Colossians 4:7-18 (NIV)

⁷Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. ⁹He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.

¹⁰My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) ¹¹Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. ¹²Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. ¹³I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. ¹⁴Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. ¹⁵Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

¹⁶After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea.

¹⁷Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord."

¹⁸I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.