

Colossians 4:2-6

The Christian's Speech

Introduction:

We have come to see Paul's in depth Theology in the first three chapters up to verse 17 from chapter 3:18 and following we see the apostle's practical theology; In other words Theology at Work.

1. The Christian Home – 3:18-21
2. The Christians Society – 3:22-4:1
3. The Christian Individual or his speech – Col.4:2-6

The Christian's speech is branched out in three distinct ways:

1. The Christian's Speech in Prayer
2. The Christian's Speech in teaching the gospel
3. The Christian's speech in preserving society and the church

I. Praying – 2-3

A. Unashamed to pray – Heb. 4:14,15

1. Boldness in prayer – Heb. 4:16
2. Persistence in prayer – Luke 18:1-8
3. Thankful attitude in prayer – I Thess. 5:17

B. Posture in prayer – Mark 11:25; Acts 1:14; 2:42

II. Proclamation – v.4

A. Opportunities to declare the gospel – Rom. 1:16

1. Open doors – I Cor. 16:8-9
2. Doors shut – Acts 16:6-8

B. Peter's experience – Acts 12:1-17

C. Peter and Paul's imprisonment was not the end of their ministry

1. The prison epistles were written
2. Paul evangelized the Jewish mob – Acts 22:1-ff
3. Paul evangelized Felix, a Roman governor, King Agrippa and many Roman soldiers – Acts 24; 26; Phil. 1:13; 4:22; 28:30-31; I Cor. 9:16

III. Preservation –v. 5-6

A. Unbelievers observing our every move

1. A false health and wealth gospel – I Tim.6:9
2. A false do and don't gospel (Legalism) Gal. 3:1,3

B. What is expected of Christians?

1. Gracious speech – Jam. 3:2; Eph. 4:29
2. Speech seasoned with salt – Matt. 5:13