

sermon notes

August 9, 2026 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Messiah Bible Church | **Preeminence**
“The Apostle Paul’s People Power” | **Colossians 4:7–18**

1) The Power of _____ (4:7–9)

2) The Power of _____ (4:10–11)

3) The Power of _____ (4:12–14)

4) The Power of _____ (4:15–16)

5) The Power of _____ (4:17)

6) The Power of _____ (4:18a)

7) The Power of _____ (4:18b)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Consider the book of Colossians as a whole. What was your favorite part of this series? What was your favorite passage? What is the strongest principle or application or theological truth that you are taking away from this book?

Read Colossians 4:7–18. Paul was not an ivory tower theologian who lived in isolation from people. Based on this passage, what would you conclude about Paul’s personal relationships?

Paul mentions ten people in these verses, and there is considerable diversity among them. How many Jews are mentioned? How many Gentiles? Any women? Any slaves? How do Paul’s words here reinforce Colossians 3:11?

GET PERSONAL

Why are relationships in the church so important for us as Christians? Interact with the following statement by Warren Wiersbe: “In my own reading of Christian biography, I have discovered that the servants whom God has used the most were people who could make friends... We are sheep, and sheep flock together.”

Paul even had relationships with people from several different churches (e.g., the churches in Rome, Antioch, Ephesus, Jerusalem, Colossae, etc.). Is it healthy for Christians to have relationships with believers from other churches?

Paul wanted the following statement to be relayed to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord” (4:17). Take a moment to speculate on the following: Who was Archippus and what was the ministry that he received in the Lord? Now consider what God has called you to do in terms of ministry. How are you gifted to serve him? How are you fulfilling that ministry?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Who are some people in your church whom you pray with and pray for regularly? What about believers outside your church? What about unbelievers? Choose one person from each category—a fellow believer at your church, a fellow believer from another church, and an unbeliever—to pray for each day. Check on them regularly and ask how you can pray for them.

ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

Many see the brief statement about Demas in Colossians 4:14 as foreboding, especially in light of 2 Timothy 4:10. Is that reading too much into Colossians 4:14? What principles can be derived from the statements concerning Demas in 2 Timothy 4:10, Philemon 24, and Colossians 4:14?