



The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

Bible Course

Acts to Revelation

Lesson 38

Name: _____

Read Colossians 4

In Chapter 4, Paul briefly addresses our work life and religious duties, and then closes with the mention of specific people.

1. After focusing on home life, he turns to our work life. If we are masters (or in today's world, employers), we are to give our servants(employees) what is _____ and _____. God sees us if we are not giving a fair wage.
2. The Christian is to continue in _____ and watch in the same with _____.
3. Paul now gets personal. He asks for prayer for himself, that God would open a _____ of utterance (Preaching), to speak the _____ of Christ. This is the reason he is in Rome (in bonds.)
4. The Colossians are called to walk in _____ that others outside the church may see their religion is real. Christians are to redeem the _____ (it can never be gotten back after lost). Paul leaves no place for the phrase we hear today, "I need to 'kill' time."
5. Paul continues, "Let your speech be always with _____, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to _____ every man.
6. In the last section of chapter 4 at the end of Colossians, Paul give greetings, mentioning nine leaders associated with his ministry:
 - a. _____ Took the letter to Colosse

- b. _____ The runaway slave of Philemon, now
a faithful and beloved brother
- c. _____ A fellow prisoner with Paul
- d. _____ Nephew of Barnabas
- e. _____ A co-worker with Paul
- f. _____ The pastor at Colosse
- g. _____ Physician and author of Luke and
Acts
- h. _____ A co-worker that eventually forsook
Paul (II Tim. 4:10) – what happened to him? _____

- i. _____ One at Colosse who was in “the
ministry which thou hast received in the Lord.”

7. This letter was also written for the _____ (Col 4: 16).
8. Lastly, Paul says for all the Colossians to remember his _____ .
9. What do you think Paul meant? _____

Evaluator: _____

Meditation: The Lord Shall Preserve Thee From All Evil

The well-known writer of “The Pilgrim’s Progress,” John Bunyan, was shut up for twelve years in prison for the truth’s sake. During the last years of his imprisonment there was a jailer who favoured Bunyan very much. He favoured him so much that once in a while he allowed him to go home, if he only took care to be back again on time in the morning. For a long time that went very well. But finally the enemies heard some rumours about this, and were waiting for an occasion to catch him. On a certain evening the jailer permitted him to go home again on the usual conditions. Bunyan sat in his home and talked with his wife, but finally they went to bed.

It was, however, impossible for him to get to sleep that evening. He was afraid and agitated, without really knowing the cause of his uneasiness. Finally he woke his wife a little after midnight, and told her about his anxiety, and decided to return to the prison. He announced himself at the gate, and the jailer grumbled some because he was disturbed in his sleep.

Hardly an hour later someone else knocked, and when the jailer opened the door, there stood some police officers of the sheriff in London, who asked whether all the prisoners were present. On the affirmative answer, they asked, “Bunyan, too?” They had to see him before they were satisfied. Then they left. The danger was averted. Bunyan thanked the Lord, Who showed so clearly that He watched over His child.

Bunyan received more tokens of this in his life. Once he was almost drowned in a sea-winding in which he was swimming. He was saved in the nick of time.

Another time he tumbled into a deep pit out of which they could save him, but with the greatest trouble. It also happened that he tried to kill a snake with a stick, and that he was wounded by the poisonous fangs of the animal.

These deliverances happened before he came to conversion. The Lord was going to use him for something else. Therefore Bunyan could not die. He had to accomplish a great task in the Kingdom of God.

Readers, you have perhaps also had some of those wonderful deliverances in your life. What has it worked out for you? May we in earnest ask ourselves this important question. How terrible shall it be to harden ourselves under all those mercies, to go our own way with death before us?

That this all may drive us out to the throne of grace to experience the greatest wonder, namely, to be brought from darkness to God’s wonderful light.

“I am indeed in prison now,
In body, but my mind
Is free to study Christ, and how
Unto me He is kind.
For tho’ men keep my outward man
Within their locks and bars,
Yet by the faith of Christ I can
Mount higher than the stars.
Their fetters cannot spirits tame,
Nor tie up God from me;
My faith and hope they cannot lame;
Above them I shall be.” *A True Story out of the Life of John Bunyan*

Meditation: A Living and a Dead Faith *by Isaac Watts*

Mistaken souls, that dream of heaven,
And make their empty boast
Of inward joys, and sins forgiven,
While they are slaves to lust!

Vain are our fancies, airy flights,
If faith be cold and dead;
None but a living power unites
To Christ the living Head.

‘Tis faith that changes all the heart;
‘Tis faith that works by love;
That bids all sinful joys depart
And lifts the thoughts above.

‘Tis faith that conquers earth and hell
By a celestial power;
This is the grace that shall prevail
In the decisive hour.

Faith must obey her Father’s will
As well as trust His grace;
A pardoning God is jealous still
For His own holiness.

When from the curse He sets us free,
He makes our natures clean;
Nor would He send His son to be
The minister of sin.

His Spirit purifies our frame
And seals our peace with God;
Jesus and His salvation came,
By water and by blood.