

Colossians 4:2-6 **Closing instructions**

Encouragement to pray and prayer Request

² Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; ³ meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, ⁴ that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

Walk in wisdom – Redeeming the Time

⁵ Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

⁶ Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

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Facts Revealed:

Encouragement to pray and prayer Request [Colossians 4:2-4]

- ✚ Paul encourages the Colossians to continue vigilant in earnest prayer with thanksgiving.
- ✧ Paul desires to be included in their prayers with special focus on his ministry.
- ✧ Paul desires that God will open a door for him to speak the Word of God and proclaim the mystery of Christ.
- ✧ Paul is a prisoner in chains for the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealing the mystery hidden from the beginning of Creation.
- ✧ Paul asks for prayer that he may make manifest the mystery of Christ as he ought to speak.

Walk in wisdom – Redeeming the Time [Colossians 4:5-6]

- ✚ Instruction for the saints at Colossi is that they should walk in wisdom toward those outside.
- ✧ The purpose of the Church is to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. [Matthew 28:19-20]
- ✧ To accomplish this purpose effectively requires a walk on the part of the Saints that is exemplary as a witness to the unsaved whom we desire to win for the Lord.
- ✧ As we take our testimony before the unsaved with the example of our lives to back up our teachings, we redeem our time for the Lord.
- ✧ The speech of the Saints must be pure, filled by the grace of God, seasoned with salt (the influence of godliness), carefully chosen words, trusting God to help us know how we ought to answer each one.