

The Supremacy of Christ
The Gospel Represents Jesus
Colossians 4:2-6

Introduction

This passage is the practical part of Paul's letter to the Colossians. In these verses, he calls upon them to be representatives of Jesus. The Colossian Christians were not highly gifted evangelists like Paul. Like most of us, most of them were ordinary people living everyday lives in the same location. Nevertheless, Paul sees their role as incredibly important and significant.

1. Each of us has a mission to share our _____ in Christ with our families, neighbors, friends, and coworkers.
2. Our behaviors and _____ can definitely influence our neighbors, friends, and family members.
3. We should ask God each day for His motivation and love, and power to be a _____ to those around us.
4. But we also need to represent Jesus in what we _____.
5. Jesus has paid for everyone's sins, and He wants to rescue and _____ everyone.

I. Pray for open doors (4:2-4)

6. Telling people about Jesus doesn't begin by talking to them; it starts by talking to _____.
7. It begins with asking God to open doors and open _____ to provide opportunities to proclaim the good news about Jesus boldly.

8. Our prayer's focus should be to ask God to open doors and _____ us to have a Christian influence upon people.
9. God's answer to our prayer is a huge part of what makes following Jesus an exciting _____!
10. Paul wants their life and ministry to continue to prosper through continued vigilance in _____.
11. Prayer is foundational to a strong and healthy _____.
12. The more you ask, the more _____ God will open.
13. As devout followers of Christ, we should eagerly seek God's guidance each day and look for His next _____.
14. Just two individuals can pray a prayer of _____.
15. Involving _____ in prayer can accomplish dynamic results.
16. When you pray regularly with other Christians, it _____ and confirms your faith and focus.
17. It's very satisfying and affirming to experience _____ prayer on a regular basis.
18. Paul was already in chains for his faithfulness to the gospel, but he wanted even more boldness and wisdom to _____ it in a way that would give a clear and evident picture of who Jesus was.

II. Make the most of the opportunity

19. When God opens a door for you, He _____ you to make the most of the opportunity!
20. The Greek "agora" was the _____.
21. When God provides an _____ for you to share the good news about Jesus, you should make the most of it!
22. We need God's wisdom because each opportunity is _____.
23. Let people know that if they see anything good in you, it's because God has touched you with His _____.
24. Your life should also be filled with _____ to God.
25. Count on the fact that God will use what you said to get a person's _____ spiritually!
26. The way we talk has a lot to do with this. We must always season our speech with _____.
27. Everything we say about Jesus with Spirit-led wisdom is _____.

III. Speak graciously

28. Gracious speech is always gentle and _____.
29. Christians should show genuine warmth and _____ in their everyday conversations.
30. You should carefully choosing your words when you must express _____ about moral issues, non-essential doctrinal issues, political positions, or misunderstandings about the gospel.

31. Gracious speech is crucial theologically because every person is made in God's _____.
32. Gracious speech is important practically because it encourages non-threatening dialogue, which helps us _____ a person's real questions and needs.
33. When you choose your words wisely and speak graciously, you'll find people more _____ to have an ongoing personal and faith-related conversation.

Conclusion

34. It's a sad fact that the great _____ of Americans are now unchurched.
35. One of the few chances they have to hear about the real Jesus is through _____ Christians.

Paul has spent considerable time in this letter explaining the truth and refuting bad doctrine. Yet all this correct teaching and knowledge is of little value unless we apply it in both the prayer closet and the public street of daily life.

ANSWERS

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| 1. Faith | 16. Strengthens | 31. Image |
| 2. Attitudes | 17. Answered | 32. Explore |
| 3. Blessing | 18. Speak | 33. Willing |
| 4. Say | 19. Expects | 34. Majority |
| 5. Reconcile | 20. Marketplace | 35. Authentic |
| 6. God | 21. Opportunity | |
| 7. Hearts | 22. Different | |
| 8. Empower | 23. Blessing | |
| 9. Adventure | 24. Praise | |
| 10. Prayer | 25. Attention | |
| 11. Faith | 26. Grace | |
| 12. Doors | 27. Significant | |
| 13. Answer | 28. Respectful | |
| 14. Agreement | 29. Courtesy | |
| 15. Others | 30. Disagreement | |