

Colossians: Fighting Heresy and Preserving Purity
(Part 13) Faithful Companions and Heroes of the Faith

Paul was in prison awaiting trial

(Colossians 4:7-18) It is always _____ to be a prisoner's friend

(v.7-8) Tychicus

He came from the Roman province of Asia and was most likely the representative of his Church to carry its offering to the poor Christians of Jerusalem (Acts 20:4).

He was _____ with the duty of delivering the letter to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:21).

(v.9) Onesimus was the _____ who had somehow reached Rome and Paul was sending him back to his master Philemon. (Read Philemon)

Paul does not call him a runaway slave; he calls him a _____ and beloved brother.

(v.10-11) Aristarchus and Mark

Aristarchus was a Macedonian from Thessalonica (Acts 20:4)

He was there when the people of Ephesus rioted in the Temple of Diana and was _____ by the mob (Acts 19:29).

He was there when Paul set sail a prisoner for Rome (Acts 27:2).

Mark as originally the _____ Paul and Barnabas parted company (Acts 15:36-40)

He was a man who _____ himself

He gives him full approval as one of his trusted friends

(v. 12-14) Epaphras, Luke, and Demas

Epaphras was apparently the overseer/ _____ of the Churches at Hierapolis, Laodicaea and Colossae (Colossians 1:7).

He was a servant of God who _____ and labored for the people over whom God had set him.

Luke was the beloved physician, who was with Paul to the end (2 Timothy 4:11).

Demas is grouped with the men who are described as Paul's fellow-labourers. Philemon 1:24

In the last mention of him (in 2 Timothy 4:10) he is Demas who has _____ Paul because he loved this present world

(v.15-18) Sharing instructions and a blessing

(v.15-16) Paul instructs the church at Colossae to _____ the letter Tychicus is bringing to them with the surrounding churches

(v.17) Encouragement to Archippus to be _____

(v.18) Paul's references to his sufferings are not pleas for _____; they are his claims to _____, the guarantees of his right to speak.

As a true Christ follower, he has made his life forfeit to share the gospel