

Sermon 01-29-12

Colossians Study #19 – Living the Resurrected Life in Your Communications with God and Others (4:2-6)

Overview: –

- Living the Resurrected Life = Holy Living, Parts 1-4 on 12-11-11.
- Living the Resurrected Life in Your Relationships (The Family - 3:18-21)
 - Husband and Wife Relations (3:18-19) - Summary and Review of Bob's outline.
 - Children and Parent Relations (3:20-21)
 - Work Relations - master slave relationship in the ancient home; employer – employee relationship in our day (3:22 – 4:1)

Communicating With God – The most important form of communication for a believer (4:2)

- Devote yourself to prayer, be courageously persistent, hold fast and not let go of prayer.
- Keep Alert
- Attitude of Thanksgiving
- Pray for the Gospel to be spoken in truth to the people.

COL 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; 4:3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, (Gospel) for which I have also been imprisoned; 4:4 that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. 4:5 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

“Speak forth ‘The Gospel’ that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.”Refers to using the God-ordained, Scripture based method of presenting the Gospel in all its complete, eternal life, truth according to Scripture.

There is only one true Gospel (Gal. 1:6-12)

The True and Complete Gospel is the power of God for Salvation (1 Cor. 1:17-18)

We are compelled to preach the gospel (1 Cor. 9:16-18)

By the gospel we are saved (1 Cor. 15:1-6)

Belief in the gospel brings salvation in Christ, seal by the Holy Spirit, ensuring our future inheritance (Eph. 1:13-14).

The Proclamation of the Gospel should always include four critical truths:

1. *God* – who created us and to whom we are accountable
2. *Man* – God's creation. Made for His glory and fellowship with Him but we fall short in both those areas of our life. So, what the problem.
3. *Christ* – He is the solution for our problem. How did He save us and what did He save us from?
4. *Response* – We must respond through faith in, belief in God's solution for our problem. We must repent and turn in faith to the finished work of Christ on the cross for our righteousness is in Him and Him only.

Romans, chapters 1 -4 give us a basic overview and explanation of these four critical Gospel truths (God, Man, Christ & Response).

- Rm. 1:1-2, 9, 15-17 – the gospel is the power of God for salvation.
- Rm 1:18-... *God*, we are accountable to Him as our creator.
- Rm. 1:23- ... *Man* has a problem, we rebelled against God. We have sinned, missed the mark of holy perfection required for each of us to have a relationship and fellowship with Him.
- Rm. 3:21-26... *Christ* is our righteousness, the solution to our sin problem.
- Rm. 3:22 – 4:5...Our *response* to God's solution for our problem determines our eternal destiny.