

Concerning Those Who Are Outside – Colossians 4:2-6
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Thus far, Paul has taken the Colossians letter to encourage believers concerning their life in Christ. But now he turns his attention to those who are *not* in Christ. In this text we find that we have a specific responsibility toward “those who are outside,” which Paul gives to us in two major imperatives:

1. Pray for the advancement of the Gospel (4:2-4).

- a. How we should pray (v. 2).
 - (1) We must pray persistently.
 - (2) We must pray attentively.
 - (3) We must pray confidently.

b. What we should pray:

- (1) Pray for an open door (v. 3).

- (2) Pray for an open mouth (v. 4).

2. Live for the advancement of the Gospel (4:5-6).

- a. Behave wisely.
- b. Witness faithfully.
- c. Speak graciously.
- d. Answer knowledgeably.