

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).

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.