

## Sermon Notes

Above All

The Preeminence of Christ in the Book of Colossians

*"I Surrender All: The Christian's Faith and Life, Part 4"*

Colossians 4: 2-6

**BIG IDEA:** In our text we are going to see how the new man & new woman in Christ is to live out the practical day to day life of new identity in Christ in our public witness to others.

The preeminence of Christ is to have effect on every part of our \_\_\_\_\_.

In our text this morning the Bible is showing us how we are to proclaim Christ in what we \_\_\_\_\_ and what we \_\_\_\_\_.

One of the clearest ways we display our public witness to Christ is through the \_\_\_\_\_ we use.

The words we speak are a \_\_\_\_\_ into our heart and soul.

Paul begins this section on the public witness of the new man & new woman in Christ by reminding us of the necessity of \_\_\_\_\_.

The language of the command in verse 2 has in view a \_\_\_\_\_ state of prayer.

Prayer expresses our dependence and \_\_\_\_\_ for something other than ourselves.

Continuing steadfastly in prayer is an \_\_\_\_\_ to bring everything – every thought and every moment - captive to Christ and to prayer to Him.

The things we say can enhance or belittle our \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.

As Christians our language should be characterized not by anger or unkindness but rather, \_\_\_\_\_.

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It is not only our words, but also our \_\_\_\_\_ that can make much or make little of the Jesus we claim.

As Christians we are to live our lives in ways that \_\_\_\_\_ and parallel with the gospel truth we claim.

Wisdom comes from \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

Wise people live a \_\_\_\_\_ way and unwise live a particular way.

A wise person lives by the \_\_\_\_\_ of and according to the new person they are in Christ.

Blanks: lives; say & do; language; window; prayer; continual; need; alertness; witness; grace; preserves; flavors; fertilizes; actions; correspond; knowing; particular; power

### **Congregational Scripture Reading: James 3: 7-13**

For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water. Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

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