



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

Study questions for Colossians 4:7-18

(Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration !)

Vs 7-8 This new natural division is obvious because of the list of individuals. How many people are named in vs7-18 ? Is Tychicus qualified to faithfully report about Paul's activities ? It is interesting that Paul doesn't write what he is doing, just what others are doing !

V 9 Where was Onesimus from, according to this verse ?

V 10 Aristarchus was in prison with Paul ! That's a tough place to be. Jean-Marc had quit the mission earlier, but here he is with Paul, even though he was free to be far away from hard times for believers. Something had changed in his heart. Who was his cousin who might have helped him grow up in Christ ? (cf. Ac12v12, 25, 13v5, 13, 15v37-39 & 2Tim4v11)

v 11 Many Bible people have two names. It seems "Justus" is a title, perhaps similar to a lawyer (νομικός) or judge (κριτής), as several New Testament people had this name. (cf. Ac1v23, 18v7 & Col4v10) What effect on Paul did this converted Jew who became a Hebrew Christian have ?

Vs 12-13 Epaphras was also from Colossi. When did he pray for the Colossians ?

V 14 Luke is know by his *Gospel*, but how is Demas know today ? (cf. 2Tim4v10)

Vs 15-16 There were no church buildings for many years and yet the number of believers grew enormously. What might that say about the huge amount of money and time we spend today on real estate ? Did the church in Laodicea end up well ? (cf. Rev3v14-22)

V 17 Why did Paul tell Archippus to take heed ? Is there just as much danger of sin by omission as doing something wrong ?

V 18 It appears that only the letter to the Romans was not *hand written* by Paul (Rom16v22) so the readers could recognize the authenticity (1Th3v17). He decided to not write any other letters that would be confused with *inspired* ones, recognized (επιγινώσκω) as such (2Cor1v13). It is often said, "The last words of a dying man are the most important." What were the last two requests of Paul in this prison epistle ? Do we remember the chains of our persecuted fellow believers today and do we show the grace of God to others who do not merit it, but rather get on our nerves ?

Final thoughts and personal applications of this book :