

Communion Meditation – Colossians

Colossians 4.7-15

“Social Networks”

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Paul Wrote this Letter from Prison

- Paul was imprisoned in Rome when writing this letter to the Colossians
- The first indication in the letter was in **ch4, v3** “I am also in chains”
- The 2nd is in **v10**, where he refers to Aristarchus as “my fellow prisoner”
- His focus was not on his chains, but on his limited ability to serve God
- Being in chains, Paul was entirely dependent upon his brothers
- **!!!**: My brother hadn’t contacted me in nearly two years, but when jailed ...

v7 ~ Tychicus ~ “beloved brother, faithful minister, fellow servant, will ..”

- “beloved brother” ~ dearly loved
- “faithful minister” ~ reputation for dependable service
- “fellow servant” ~ attitude of humility

Personal and Societal Connections

- **v9** “Onesimus .. who is one of you” / **v10** “fellow prisoner” / **v10** “cousin of Barnabus” / **v11** “of the circumcision” / **v12** “Epaphrus, who is one of you”
- People are social beings with a wide variety of connections and loyalties
- People knit together through work, family, public schools, common interests
- **!!!**: LAX to KC - Tabitha Hannah, Gpa with rowdy Raiders fans (*community*)
 - We can criticize people for misplaced loyalties
 - But far more important than to criticize them is to understand them
 - If we understand them we can hopefully relate to them

Social Networking

- People are social beings / Even the most anti-social among us
- Christ formed a social network that has lasted for 2,000 years
- Christian social networks are to be recognized by their love of one another
 - Jesus said, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another.” (John 13.35)

Do you honor the social network God has made you part of?

Do you rely upon it? Do you appreciate it or take it for granted?

!!!: Just walked through 21 years of pictures for Micah and Becky over 10 days

Jesus should be the heart of your social network. Is He?