

## Choosing to stand firm in Christ

Colossians 4:12-18 (Paul's team – Part 2)

- I. Epaphras – The prayer warrior concerned if the churches would stand firm spiritually (4:12-13)
  - Epaphras started the church in Colossae (1:7).
  - Epaphras prioritized his prayer ministry (4:12).
  - Epaphras also served nearby churches (4:13).
  
- II. Luke – The physician who loved to serve Christ, help Paul and write about Jesus (4:14a)
  - *Physician* – Did Luke serve as Paul's physician?
  - Luke wrote LUKE and ACTS (Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-2).
  - Luke accompanied Paul from Troas to Philippi on his 2<sup>nd</sup> journey ("we/us" – Acts 16:8-40).
  - Luke accompanied Paul from Philippi on his 3<sup>rd</sup> journey and to Rome ("we/us" – Acts 20:5- 28:16).
  
- III. Demas – The worker who loved the world more than serving Christ (4:14b)
  - Paul's long-time co-worker who quit because he loved the world more than Christ (2 Timothy 4:10).
  
- IV. Nympha and others who hosted and loved the church (4:16-17)
  - Paul greeted the Christians in Laodicea (4:16).
  - Laodicea and Colossae were to exchange letters (perhaps Ephesians?).
  
- V. Archippus, who needed exhortation (4:17)
  - He needed a reminder to follow through with his ministry.