

Colossians 4:10-18 **Workers of the Ministry**

1. Aristarchus Marcus, and Barnabas • Colossians 4:10

- a. Tychicus and Onesimus, faithful brethren (Col 4:9)
- b. Aristarchus, of Macedonia, Thessalonica (Acts 19:29, 20:24, Acts 27:2)
- c. Aristarchus no doubt was a part of the word being spread in Macedonia (1 Thess 5:6)
- d. Aristarchus is noted as a fellow prisoner here in Colossians.
- e. Marcus, "sister's son" to Barnabas (Barnabas' nephew) (Col 4:10)
- f. This is John Mark (Marcus), Peter calls him "son" (in a spiritual sense) (1 Pt 5:13)
- g. Paul and Barnabas split over Mark (he had deserted them prior), Barnabas separates to go to Cyprus with Mark. (Acts 13:13, Acts 15:39)
- h. Barnabas is from Cyprus, and had sold his land to be in Jerusalem. (Acts 4:36)
- i. Barnabas of course was of the circumcision and played a large part in Paul's early ministry. (Acts 9:27)

2. Justus, Epaphras, Luke, and Nymphas • Colossians 4:11

- a. Of the circumcision, many of Paul's helpers were. It's interesting to note some of these names are quite frequently mentioned.
- b. Many of the circumcision aided Paul in spreading the gospel of the grace of God. They were not to cause dissimulation. (Gal 2:11)
- c. Epaphras, a Colossian, told Paul of the Colossians' belief and love, a faithful minister. It was by him they heard the gospel. He also worked with the Laodiceans. (Col 1:6-8)
- d. Luke, a physician, beloved, traveled with Paul and would be one of the last standing with him. He wrote Luke and Acts. (2 Tim 4:11)
- e. Demas abandoned Paul. (2 Tim 4:10)
- f. Nymphas - only mention. Reminder that "the church" is not a place but a people.

3. Archippus and Exhortation

- a. Has that same ministry of reconciliation that we all do, but apparently this individual is having some issue performing it. Take heed. (1 Cor 3:10)
- b. Ultimately men like Archippus and Demas would be distracted from the ministry.
- c. Those in Asia did not remain faithful. This was in Paul's lifetime! (2 Tim 1:13-15)
- d. Workmen are needed! Be not ashamed! (2 Tim 1:7-8)
- e. Fight the good fight! (1 Tim 6:12)
- f. This one thing I do... (Phil 3:13-14)