

Colossians -17

G. Material: relevant to the study of Colossians 4:7-18

1. Some general notes:

- a. The Material is very personal..note how the different parties are described in complimentary terms
- b. The autobiographical material is not large but note the references to his chains (v. 18), the comfort of fellow workers of Jewish background (v. 11), and his continued interest in the Colossian community (v. 8)
- c. Note the absence of any further warning materials.

2. Some questions..or concepts to be considered:

--it will be useful to identify all the persons mentioned in the chapter and note their relationship to the Apostle and the character of their function or service.

v. 12, 13..why does it seem necessary to give these words about Epaphras?

v. 17..What is the challenge to Archippus..why do you think it is given.

And you can see that my mind for questions is a bit weak in this closing segment...well, maybe it has always been weak but what might prove questioning material in this portion seems so evident to me as to be...something else.