

## Colossians 4:2-18

**Discuss:** What is your response when you come across parts of the Bible that surprise or shock you?

**Recap:** How has the letter encouraged you to grow in what you know?

**Hear from God:** Read Colossians 4:2-6

1. Paul is continuing his thoughts from 3:1-4. We have looked at the Christian's behaviour, the Christian's home life, the Christian's work life, and finally at the Christian's speech life. What is Paul's prayer for himself in these verses?
2. Why is he in prison? How does this verse help motivate us in our relative western comfort to pray for our brothers and sisters facing exactly what Paul did?
3. How is a Christian to act towards non-believers?
4. What does 'seasoned with salt' mean here?
5. What is Paul's expectation for our interaction with our non-believing friends and family? Is there something we need to about the topic/tone of our conversations?

**Hear from God:** Read Colossians 4:7-18

6. Why does Paul mention the people that he does? How does that help the Colossians?
7. What is to be done with the letter once it has been read? How does that help us see the purpose for these letters (even though we don't have the Bible book 'Laodiceans')?

**Apply these things to your life**

1. What are the main ideas/challenges you have taken from our studies in Colossians?
2. How can we put the letter into practice in our church?

**Prayers**

- Give thanks for the letter to the Colossians, and its encouragement to grow in what we know.
- Pray that we would put into practice what we have been taught.
- Pray for the Argentina team as they return home.