

3. *We ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ for one another (1:24-2:7; 3:16).*

*What should our struggling accomplish?*

*Does our American society help or hinder us here? In what ways?*

4. *We ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ with one another (4:7-18).*

*In what ways can we be partnering together?*

**Transition:** A Christian should be discipleship-driven—his desire will be to present everyone perfect in Christ Jesus, even as Christ is doing to him. This experiential burden will cause him to be missional-minded.

#### MISSIONAL-MINDED: THE MISSION OF \_\_\_\_\_

“This is your life.” Or, as Paul puts it in 3:1-4, “Christ is your life.” This is true of us positionally, spiritually, and heavenly; and Christ wants it to be true practically and physically on earth. As “in all the world,” we should yearn to experience 1:6 here, too. And we can, if we allow the life and mission (indeed, the two words are synonymous) of Christ to dominate us.

*Where are you failing in this?*

#### CONCLUSION

A Christian will be missional-minded—having been wrapped-up in Christ himself, both in position and in practice, he will speak and show the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ, so that Jesus is glorified as other people are wrapped-up in Christ.

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As we review Colossians for a final time together, we’ll attempt to trace four major themes throughout the book. And, as we do so, we will discover God’s desire for His people: ***God wants His people to be Christ-identified, gospel-centered, discipleship-driven, missional-minded Christians.***

#### CHRIST-IDENTIFIED: THE \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ OF CHRIST

1. *I \_\_\_\_\_ that Christ is supreme & sufficient.*

- Christ is supreme in \_\_\_\_\_ (1:15-17; 2:9).

*What do we learn about His supremacy in these verses?*

- Christ is sufficient for \_\_\_\_\_ (1:13-14, 18-22; 2:10-15; 3:9-11).

*In what ways is Christ’s sufficiency highlighted in these verses?*

*According to 2:8-23, what is insufficient for spiritual “fullness”?*

2. *Therefore, I \_\_\_\_\_ like it.*

- His sufficiency demands my \_\_\_\_\_—grounded and growing (1:21-23; 2:6-7).

*What are possible excuses for not being committed and how were they already answered in point 1?*

- His sufficiency demands my \_\_\_\_\_—against human philosophy and self-effort (2:8-23).

*Why are human philosophy and effort deficient and therefore to be disregarded?*

- His sufficiency demands my \_\_\_\_\_—Jesus as “Lord” in all areas (3:1-4:6).

*What aspects of my identity should conform to my belief in Christ as the Source of spiritual fullness?*

**Transition:** A Christian should be Christ-identified—his belief in Christ will affect his life in Christ. The way he does that is by staying gospel-centered.

#### GOSPEL-CENTERED: THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE GOSPEL

##### 1. *I must proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel to others.*

- I should recognize that the gospel is spreading and bearing fruit in the whole \_\_\_\_\_ (1:5-6).

*How will this recognition help me proclaim the gospel to others?*

- I should help “fulfill” the spreading of \_\_\_\_\_ to the world (2:25-29).

*Why are self-help messages or just encouraging talks inferior to God’s Word for the lost (cf. vv. 26-27)?*

- I should pray for and take opportunities of \_\_\_\_\_ evangelism (4:2-6).

*What key principles for evangelism are taught in these verses?*

##### 2. *I must proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel to myself (i.e., “preaching the gospel to yourself”).*

- The gospel should be growing and bearing fruit in \_\_\_\_\_ (1:5-6).

*How do I know if it is (cf. v. 10)?*

- The gospel will provoke a \_\_\_\_\_ (1:21-23).

*According to verse 23, is the gospel something we believed or something we believe, something we accepted or something we accept?*

- The gospel will \_\_\_\_\_ my heart (3:1-4), behavior (3:5-11), church (3:12-17), home (3:18-21), workplace (3:22-4:1), and community involvement (4:2-6).

*What gospel-language do we find Paul preaching to himself and his readers throughout the commands of these verses?*

**Transition:** A Christian should be gospel-centered—his growing appreciation for and understanding of the gospel will deepen his love for Christ and for others. These two loves come together to make the believer discipleship-driven.

#### DISCIPLESHIP-DRIVEN: THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF DISCIPLESHIP

##### 1. *We ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ for one another (1:3-8).*

*What can we be thankful for?*

##### 2. *We ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ for one another (1:9-14).*

*How do these prayer requests fit with the Christ-wrapped injunctions of 3:1-4:6?*