## **Sermon Notes**

## Prepare with Prayer to Speak about Christ

Colossians 4:2-6 by Christian Sanich, 12/19/2021

There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

4:2 You should devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it.

With thanksgiving

4:3-4 Pray that God may open a door that we may speak the mystery of Christ.

There are still a lot of people who don't know that Christ is God's revealed plan to save people. So, pray for God-ordained opportunities to speak to the people around you about Christ.

Even though Paul was physically locked up, a spiritual door could open for him to speak right where he was.

Without us being traveling missionaries, there are people wherever we are, who we can speak to about Christ. Pray that I may reveal the mystery of Christ, as it is necessary for me to speak. (Ref.: Matthew 10:18-20)

Pray that if a God-ordained opportunity pops up to speak to someone in your life about Christ, that it would be given to you, by the Holy Spirit, how to go about the conversation, and what to say.

4:5 Engage non-Christians, to make the most of your life.

4:6a Let your speech always be with grace.

We should not engage non-Christians like adversaries.

The way we talk to non-Christians should make Christians *taste better* 

4:6b Knowing how you ought to respond to each one

Jesus always knew how to respond to each <u>individual</u>; we need to try to be like Him.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Suggested related reading: 1 Peter 5:8, Eph. 6:18