

## Faithful service under the supremacy of Christ

Colossians 4:7-11 (Paul's team – Part 1)

- I. Tychicus – The trusted encourager
  - Part of Paul's trusted traveling team (one of 8 – Acts 20:4).
  - Trusted to carry letters and communicate on Paul's behalf during his prison years (Colossians 4:7-8; Ephesians 6:21).
  - Possibly the "brother" trusted to accompany financial gifts (2 Corinthians 8:18?)
  - Trusted to lead churches in place of Titus and Timothy so they could visit Paul (Titus 3:12; 2 Timothy 4:12).
  
- II. Onesimus – The growing new believer
  - A runaway slave who came to faith in Christ in Rome and returned to Colossae (Colossians 4:9; Philemon).
  
- III. Aristarchus – The compassionate friend
  - Paul co-worker on missionary journeys and imprisonment in Rome (Colossians 4:10; Acts 19:29; 20:4; 27:2; Philemon 24).
  
- IV. Mark – The failure who flourished
  - Mark (John) helped Paul and Barnabas on the 1<sup>st</sup> missionary journey, but quit to go home (Acts 13:5, 13; 15:36-40).
  - Later, Mark became a deeply appreciated co-worker of Paul (Colossians 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:11).
  
- V. Justus – The unknown servant
  - Some of God's choice servants are virtually unknown.