

## Sermon Notes – May 24, 2020

### The Christian Church (*Colossians 4:2-18*)

- I. Conducts itself with a devotion to prayer. (*Vss. 2-4*)
  - A. Praying with an attitude of thanksgiving. (*1 Thessalonians 5:17*) (*Romans 8:28*)
  - B. Praying for the expansion of the gospel. (*Matthew 28:18-20*)
  
- II. Conducts itself in the wisdom of God. (*Vss. 5-6*)
  - A. Grace-filled speech. (*Ephesians 4:29*)
  - B. Salt-filled truth. (*Matthew 5:13*)
  
- III. Conducts itself in the fulfillment of ministry. (*Vss. 7-18*)
  - A. God uses human instruments to fulfill His ministry.
    - 1. Tychicus: the faithful servant.
    - 2. Onesimus: the runaway slave who became a brother.
    - 3. Aristarchus: the sympathetic prisoner.
    - 4. Mark: the quitter who wrote a gospel.
    - 5. Justus: the converted encourager.
    - 6. Epaphras: the faithful, prayerful pastor. (*1:7*)
    - 7. Luke: the physician-author. (*Luke-Acts*)
    - 8. Demas: the worker who became a quitter. (*Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:10*)
    - 9. Nympha/Nymphas: the church hostess/host.
    - 10. Archippus: a fellow soldier of the Lord. (*Philemon 2*) (*2 Timothy 2:1-10*)