



Lesson Seven = Jesus is First Because of His Fellowship

Sunday Evening Message by Ray Reynolds (July 6, 2014)

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TEXT: **Colossians 4:2-6**

Introduction: On Sunday nights we are doing a parallel study to the book of Ephesians (our Sunday morning series). The book of Ephesians explains how Jesus should be seen as our first love. The book of Colossians reveals why Jesus is first. In this lesson we will notice that Jesus is first because of His fellowship with us. He wants to strengthen our bond and relationship. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. Our Fellowship Helps Us To Be Relentless in Prayer (4:2)

- A. Earnest Prayer
- B. Vigilant Prayer
- C. Thankful Prayer

II. Our Fellowship Helps Us To Be Resolute in the Work (4:3)

- A. Considerate of Workers
- B. Conscious of Opportunities
- C. Committed to Boldness

III. Our Fellowship Helps Us To Be Real in Ministry (4:4)

- A. Caring For Others
- B. Compassionate Toward Others
- C. Clarity In Conviction

IV. Our Fellowship Helps Us To Be Righteous in Living (4:5)

- A. Walking In Wisdom
- B. Walking With Endurance
- C. Walking With Purpose

V. Our Fellowship Helps Us To Be Refined in Speech (4:6)

- A. Speaking With Grace
- B. Speaking With Character
- C. Speaking With Wisdom

Conclusion: The only way to improve our speech, our lifestyle, our ministry, our work, or our spiritual life is to keep fellowship with the Lord. Don't fall away from Him. Don't turn your back on Him. Keep walking in the light as He is light and that fellowship will keep you strong! Jesus needs to be first in your life. He deserves to be first in your life. He wants to be your Savior! Have you obeyed the gospel plan of salvation? Have you committed your life to Him? Have you been cleansed by His precious blood? Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit? Are walking daily by the Savior's side?