

Journey Church Hawaii  
“Dear Friends”  
Colossians 4:7-18  
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- I. The Cast [**Colossians 4:7-14**]
  - A. Tychicus: Paul’s messenger to the Colossian Church; from Asia [Acts 20:4]
  - B. Onesimus: “one of you”; former slave of Philemon [Book of Philemon]
  - C. Three Hebrew Christians
    1. Aristarchus: travelled with Paul extensively [Acts 19:29; 20:4; 27:2]
    2. Mark: Early disciple of Barnabas and Paul [Acts 12:25]; Left the team [Acts 13:13] which led to a dispute between Paul and Barnabas [Acts 15:39]; Wrote Gospel of Mark [as told to him by Peter]; relationship and missional life restored
    3. Jesus/Justus
  - D. Epaphras: “one of you”; Founder/pastor of Colossian Church [Col 1:7]
  - E. Luke: Travelling companion of Paul to the very end [2 Timothy 4:11]; Author of Gospel of Luke and Book of Acts
  - F. \*Demas [2 Tim 4:10]
  - G. Nympha: female house church pastor?
  - H. Archippus: part of lead team at church of Colossae [Philemon 1:2]
  
- II. Character Traits
  - A. Dear Brother, Faithful minister, Fellow servant [4:7]
  - B. Encourager [4:8]
  - C. Share Useful Information [4:9]
  - D. Joyful: “send greetings” [4:10,11,12,14,15]
  - E. Prayer warrior [4:12]
  - F. Hard-working [4:13]
  - G. Finisher [4:17]
  
- III. A Life of Purpose with a Heart of Grace! [**Colossians 4:18**]
  - A. A Purposed Life:
    1. “Not Ashamed of the Gospel” [**Romans 1:16**]
    2. Become Christlike [**Philippians 3:10-11**]
    3. Be a Disciple, Make Disciples [**Mark 12:30; Matthew 28:18-20**]
    4. The Three Questions:
      - a. “God, how can You be so Good?”
      - b. “How am I doing with the People You have given me to love?”
        - (1) Intimate: family and friends
        - (2) Spiritual Family
        - (3) Neighbors
        - (4) “Persons of Peace”
      - c. “What are You saying to Me?” [Matthew 7:24-27]
  
  - B. The Theft of America’s Soul by Phil Robertson 2019

[https://www.amazon.com/Theft-Americas-Soul-Blowing-Destroying-ebook/dp/B07DT4Y8KF/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=3GT9LB2H3U2QE&keywords=the+theft+of+americ+a%27s+soul&qid=1550968654&s=gateway&sprefix=the+theft+of+%2Caps%2C325&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Theft-Americas-Soul-Blowing-Destroying-ebook/dp/B07DT4Y8KF/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3GT9LB2H3U2QE&keywords=the+theft+of+americ+a%27s+soul&qid=1550968654&s=gateway&sprefix=the+theft+of+%2Caps%2C325&sr=8-1)

1. The God of the Bible is not Dead and He Never will be
2. The Devil of the Bible is Real and He is our Enemy
3. There is Absolute Truth and it Comes from God
4. God is the Author of Life and only He can Nourish and Sustain it
5. God created Sexuality for His Purposes and our Good
6. God's Standard for All-Time is the Standard of Virtue
7. Law and Order Come from the Word of God
8. Unity Flows from a God-Centered Culture
9. The Church is God's Presence in the Day-to-Day World, Keeping the World from Becoming Hell on Earth
10. God's People are His Prophetic Voice in the World