## WATTS APRIL 22, 2025: COLOSSIANS 3:22-4:6

## Colossians review: our walk

- 1:9-10 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- 2:6-7 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
- 3:7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.
- 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.

## **Colossians 3:22-4:6**

What do the slaves know?

3:22 Servants in Paul's time were not employees but
Under Roman law, enslaved people had no personal rights and were
regarded as the of the masters.
Even with this historical and cultural context in mind, Paul commands the slaves in the Colosian church to their masters.
In the biblical world, slaves usually had but one motive for working and that was to avoid
Pagan slaves served their masters because they were bound by; christian slaves were to serve their masters because they feared!
Verse 23:
To work heartily involves both the rightattitude and the putting of one's whole physicalinto that work.
Verse 24:

Verse 25: What if the slaves do wrong? (i.e. only obeying in eye-service, not sincerely, not fearing the Lord.)
Chapter 4:1:
Verse 4:2: Seek God's help for everything I've written in this letter in these ways:  1 yourselves, be constant, be faithful, do not lose heart.  2. Be, sober, alert, not drowsy, clear thinking  3. With Phil 4:6
4:3: Eric Hershberger: "If my evangelism is cold, it's directly related to my lack of prayer about evangelism."
Reference Ephesians 6:19-20  "and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known withthe mystery of the gospel,  20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak, as I ought to speak."
4:4:
4:5: Colossians 1:9-10;1:28: Walk in wisdom 4:6: