

# Who Was Epaphras ?

**Colossians 1:5-7**

**Colossians 4:12-13**

**Philemon 23**

# Who Was Epaphras?

## • A Teacher of God's Word

- **Colossians 1:4-7**, Paul to the Colosse church
  - How did they learn the Gospel message?
    - **Colossians 1:7**, “ye...learned of Epaphras”
- Epaphras was a teacher as we ALL should be
  - **Mark 4:14**, “The sower sowth the word”
  - **Acts 8:35**, Phillip, “preached unto him (Eunuch) Jesus”
  - **Hebrews 5:12**, “ye ought to be teachers”



# Who Was Epaphras?



- **A Fellow Servant**

- **Colossians 1:7, “our dear fellow servant”**
  - A close friend, partner, fellow worker
  - Served a cause greater than himself
  - Devoted himself to the service of others

- **A Faithful Minister of Christ**

- **Colossians 1:7, “a faithful minister of Christ”**
  - We’re either...
    - With him or Against Him, **Matthew 7:21-27**
    - Wise or Foolish, **Matthew 25:1-13**
    - Faithful or Unfaithful, **Matthew 25:14-30**
    - Sheep or Goats, **Matthew 25:31-45**
  - **Revelation 2:10, “faithful until death”**

# Who Was Epaphras?

## • A Greeter & Encourger of Brethren

- **Colossians 1:4**, *“We heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love you have for all saints.”*
- **Colossians 1:7**, He, “declared unto us your love in the Spirit”
- **Colossians 4:12**, *“Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth, (greeteth) you”*
- **Romans 16:16**, “Salute one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.”



# Who Was Epaphras?

## • Prayed for His Brethren

- **Colossians 4:12**, “...always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.”
  - He labored in prayer
  - He labored for their faithfulness
  - He labored for their spiritual strength
- **James 5:16-17**, “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”



# Who Was Epaphras?

## • A Brother With Notable Zeal

- **Colossians 4:13**, *“I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you”*
- **Romans 12:11**, *“fervent in spirit; serving the Lord”*
- **Titus 2:14**, *“zealous of good works”*
  - What about our reputation?
  - What do others say about us?
  - What about our zeal?
  - Are you on fire for the Lord or a warm ember?
- **Revelation 3:15**, *“luke warm...spew thee out”*



# Who Was Epaphras?

## • A Prisoner in Christ Jesus

▪ **Philemon 23**, “*Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus*”



▪ Paul & Epaphras, both prisoners in Christ

▪ **Ephesians 3:1; Ephesians 4:1**

▪ Both prisoners for loyal service to Christ

▪ Both with unwavering commitment

▪ Both steadfast in their devotion to the Lord

**How devoted  
are you & I?**

# Who Was Epaphras?

- **A Teacher of the Word**
- **A Fellow Servant with Paul**
- **A Faithful Servant of Christ**
- **A Greeter & Encourager of Brethren**
- **A Man who Prayed for His Brethren**
- **A Brother with Notable Zeal**
- **A Prisoner in Christ Jesus**

# Who was Epaphras?

**He was your older  
brother in Christ !**

**Colossians 1:7  
Colossians 4:1 2-13  
Philemon 23**