

A collage of images representing joy, community, and struggle, with a central red heart containing text. The collage includes a man with glasses smiling, a woman with sunglasses, a man with sunglasses, a woman with glasses, a group of people with their arms raised, a close-up of a smiling mouth, a group of children smiling, a handshake, a woman with a headscarf, a woman with a headscarf, and a group of children. The central red heart contains the text "JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the heart, the text "A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

# JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

# MAKING THE MOST OF OUR OPPORTUNITIES



# Colossians 4:2-6

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.



# Colossians 1:26-29

The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the all peoples the glorious riches of this mystery, **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory. **He is the one** we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone **fully mature in Christ**. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.



# John 14:6

I am the way, the truth, and the Life...no one comes to the Father but through me.



**Humanity's salvation is not in religion or religious rituals, but rather in a person, that person being Jesus. In this book, Paul is bringing Jesus out of the fog of our minds and He is placing Him on the throne of our hearts. In this place...in our hearts...Jesus changes everything.**



# 1. Be Prayerful



# Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer,  
being watchful and thankful.





# Acts 1:14

All joined together constantly in prayer.



# Ephesians 6:18

With this in mind, be alert and always  
keep on praying for all the saints.



# 1. Be Opportunistic



# Colossians 4:3

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.



# Colossians 1:9

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you.



# 2 Timothy 2:9

I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained.



# 1. Be Open



# Colossians 4:4

Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.





# Ephesians 6:19

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.



**We see that openness and transparency  
are tools that God uses to reveal Jesus.**



# 1. Be Wise



# Colossians 4:5

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders;  
make the most of every opportunity.



**Paul is saying, in order to make the most of every opportunity, we not only have to be open and vulnerable, but we must consider how our actions, our behavior, will impact others.**



# Ephesians 5:15

Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise.



# Titus 2:10

Show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way we will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.



# Galatians 5:19-21

Actions that were obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.





# Galatians 5:22-23

The fruit of this relationship is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.



# Colossians 1:21

Once you were alienated from God  
and were enemies in your minds.



# Colossians 4:5

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders;  
make the most of every opportunity.



# Colossians 3:17

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed,  
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.



# Colossians 4:6

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.



# Luke 4:22

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.



# Ephesians 4:29

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.



# 1 Peter 3:15

In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.





