

Col. 4: 12-14

SUBJECT: Q. Luke and M.
Epaphras

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Paul's personal greetings, references, found in so many of his epistles. ^{cf. Romans 16}
So let's 4:7, 9, 10 etc. and

The salutation 4:18 = his signature. As with his signature, the chain moved across the paper. Came to a fresh notation.

I. Epaphras. Ἐπαφρᾶς

His full name would be Epaphroditus (not the one of Philadelphia)
derived from Gr. Ἀφροδίτη - "charming"
of the Latin VENUS - VENUSTUS - "handsome"
common names in both Gr. & Lat. in Roman period.

Col. 1:7 converted in Ephesus?
evangelist of the Lycos valley. ^{Hierapolis} ^{12 mi.} ^{Colosse}
^{12 mi.}

Philimon 23 joins in greeting to Philemon.

Col. 1:8 came to Rome to see Paul. His heart burdened for the church; questions of Greek philosophy he would not venture with.

Col. 4:12, 13 mighty in prayer, talked in intercession.
was he a mighty preacher? an Apollos? Not told.
But he was a power in prayer.

What an irresistible force, in the church, when in her ranks a host of spiritual intercessors like Epaphras.

(2) The business man in the middle 1800's: "prayer meeting two thousand miles long." Resulted in greatest revival since days of the apostles. Not many called to preach, but all to pray.

II. Dr. Luke.

The ancient practice of medicine

Sm. 50:2 "the physician to embalm his father"

Jh. 8:22 "no balm in Gilead? no physician there?"

The Greek Hippocrates b. 460 B.C. "the father of medicine"

" Galen b. 130 A.D. author

Luke - wrote by far most finished, elegant of the Synops.
of the classical introduction, the first author.
of the 24 letters, the most beautiful story in the world.

III Dedication to God.

1. The trained, educated, professional man.

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The astrologer ...

The anatomist ...

The minutest organ is brightly lit with the
mark of design. The presence, intelligence, handiwork of
the divine Creator, Architect.
Baker: "In describing the different parts of the human
body, I am composing a hymn in honor of the Creator of
the body."

Ps. 139:14 "we are fearfully & wonderfully made"

(2) The story of the old man's prayer, Mark 11.

The sacred calling, opportunities, of the Doctor.

- touches the paralytic - speaks the more than magic
word, "Ephatha" to the blind - bids the eyes drop as
loathsome - stays the flying word of fear

- into his hands we commit the lives of those we love.

- witnesses the involuntary farewell of the dying, the
reluctant goodbye of the broken wife & family - looks upon the
widow, orphan.

How tragic - the Doctor who is not a barbarian, ^{an Egyptian, a Greek} ^{an Egyptian, a Greek}
How sad - " " looks coldly upon the Bible,
embraces instead an anti-progressive, charless materialism,
adopts an earth bound, earth bound system of philosophy,
thrusts his influence against the faith of God.

How grievous - " " with the tears, crisis, of the dying
the bath and curse of philosophy of his materialistic
profession. Looks upon faith of parted soul as with
egotistical, lofty, superior disdain.

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How sad - " " looks coldly upon the Bible,
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The dedicated, learned man.

"a little learning is a dangerous thing"

The great soul, mind -

The affinity of the H. S. for a trained mind.

of Moses - "learned in ..."

of Paul - Tarsus, Jr. - Attorney Caspary.
justly so. just

2. The layman.

"who is one of you?"

to the tinker - "John Burman, who is one of you?"
"the cooper - "Mr. Cary"
"the gypsy - "Redney Smith"
"the store salesman - "Christ & Monday"

His gifts, talents, for Christ.

(a) Kentucky backwoodsman. He, his wife, so uneducated, but so faithful. Way dressed - he, she -- talked -- lived. To their home, spent day. How much he knew, child of the woods, of the wilds: trees, leaves, shrubs, animals, birds. amazed - he seemed to know everything! They made their living from the woods.

of education - trust for Jesus

of uneducated - just what could learn - trust for you.

on the judgment day - how much learned?
- but, how faithful.

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