

**FOLLOW
JESUS**

BE DISCIPLES
MAKE DISCIPLES

Foothill Bible Church

October 27, 2019

EPAPHRAS

Our Dear Slave

Colossians 1:7a

There is an overarching emphasis that flows through the entire letter. Thanksgiving is mentioned in every chapter (1:3,12; 2:7; 3:17; 4:2). Thanksgiving is the response of the Christian who sees Jesus in the accurate position of being first.

1A. THE RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING (1:3-4)

2A. THE REASONS FOR THANKSGIVING (1:5-8)

1B. Because of hope, verse 5.

2B. Because of fruit, verse 6.

3B. Because of Epaphras, verses 7-8.

1C. Disciple Maker

2C. Dear Slave

1D. CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP – We were slaves of sin and now, we are slaves of righteousness (Romans 6:16-17)

2D. COST OF DELIVERANCE – Christ purchased us out of the marketplace of sin through His sacrifice on the cross and now, we belong to Him (1:14; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 19-20)

3D. COOPERATION WITH OTHERS – We are slaves with others and so now, we are laborers together (1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16)

Next Sunday Morning (11/3)

“Epaphras: A Faithful Servant” (Colossians 1:7b-8)