***APOLOGETICS 101 HW 1***

***COLOSSIANS 4:6***

1. ***OBSERVATION***

**AUTHOR? *PAUL***

**AUDIENCE?** ***THE MASTERS OF THE SLAVES***

**WHAT IS HAPPENING? *PAUL IS INSTRUCTING THE MASTERS TO TREAT ALL THE SLAVES FAIRLY SO THAT THEY MAY KNOW THAT IN THE SAME WAY THEIR MASTER IN HEAVEN WILL TREAT THEM WELL.***

**WHERE IS THIS HAPPENING? *COLOSSAE.***

**WHEN IS THIS HAPPENING? *DURING THE TIME THAT PAUL IS IN JAIL***

**WHY IS THIS HAPPENING? *PAUL IS REMINDING HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST THAT WE MUST BE LOVING TO ONE ANOTHER.***

**HOW IS THIS HAPPENING? *PAUL IS IN JAIL WRITING A LETTER TO THE COLOSSAE***

**THE PASSAGE SAYS: LET YOUR SPEECH ALWAYS BE GRACIOUS, SEASONED WITH SALT, SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW HOW YOU OUGHT TO ANSWER EACH PERSON. (ESV)**

**THE PASSAGE STATES THAT WE MUST ALWAYS SAY KIND, LOVING AND EDIFYING WORDS TOWARDS OTHERS.**

**COMMANDS: DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO PRAYER. COLOSSIANS 4:2**

**GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:**

**PAUL WAS WRITING FROM A JAIL CELL AND HE WAS CONTINOUSLY PRAYING FOR THOSE IN NEED, IN THIS CASE THE COLOSSAE BRETHREN.**

**SIGNIFICANCE:PAUL WOULD INTERCEDE FOR ALL THAT NEEDED SALVATION AND MADE SURE THAT THE MESSAGE OF THE LORD WAS DELIVERED SO THAT THEY TOO WOULD BE ABLE TO INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND LEARN TO CARRY THEMSELVES IN THE SPIRIT.**

**ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS ON THE PASSAGE:**

**QUESTION?**

**HOW MUST ONE CARRY A CONVERSATON UPON THIS TOPIC OF SPEAKING IN GRACE?**

**FINDINGS:**

**JOB 22:22**

**ACCET INSTRUCTION FROM HIS MOUTH AND LAY UP HIS WORDS IN YOUR HEART**

**RECORD KEY WORDS:**

**CONVERSATION: AN INFORMAL TALK BETWEEEN TWO OR MORE PEOPLE**

**GRACE: DIVINE INFLUENCE WHICH OPERATES IN HUMANS TO REGENERATE AND SANCTIFY**

1. **INTERPRETATION**

**HOW DO THE VERSES BEFORE AND AFTER THE PASSAG HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE PASSAGE?**

**PAUL IS JUST ADDRESSING THE PEOPLE OF COLOSSAE OF THE GOOD THAT THEY SHOULD DO ONTO OTHERS.**

**WHAT IS THE OVERALL THEME OF THIS CHAPTER?**

**TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND HELP THOSE IN NEED**

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

 **TO SPEAK WITH GRACE UNTO EVERYONE.**

**SUMMARY:**

**WE MUST ONLY SPEAK EDIFYING WORDS AND THOSE OF THE BIBLE SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO UPLIFT ONE ANOTHER, EVEN THROUGH HARD TIMES.**

1. **APPLICATION**

**WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE MEAN TO ME?**

**THIS PASSAGE MEANS TO ME THAT I MUST ALWAYS SPEAK WITH LOVE AND KNOW WHO I AM IN CHRIST SO THAT I DON’T FORGET THAT JESUS LIVES IN ME.**

**HOW WILL I APPLY THIS TO MY CHRISTIAN WALK IN CHRIST?**

 **I WILL MAKE SURE THAT EVERY TIME THAT I SPEAK I HAVE SOMETHING POSITIVE TO SAY, SOMETHING THAT WILL UPLIFT THE NAME OF JESUS AND CHOOSE MY WORDS WISELY SO THAT I KNOW THAT I AM SPEAKING OUT OF LOVE FOR OTHERS.**