

**JESUS IS GREATER THAN**  
**A Study of Colossians**  
**#15: Jesus is Greater than My Loneliness**  
**Colossians 4:7-18**  
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Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

Genesis 2:18 (NLT)

Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible type of poverty.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

**Why do you suppose with all digital communications forums we have at our disposal in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – that it seems people are more lonely than ever?**

**REASONS WHY JESUS IS GREATER THAN MY LONELINESS**  
**COLOSSIANS 4:7-18**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ that even the most godly people experience loneliness.

He [The Messiah] was hated and rejected; his life was filled with sorrow and terrible suffering. No one wanted to look at him. We despised him and said, "He is a nobody!"

Isaiah 53:3 (CEV)

**What does that tell you about Jesus and yourself? How does that make you feel?**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ that loneliness can be a positive force in my life.

If the Lord, knew how painful loneliness can be, why did He create us with the capacity to be lonely? Is there anything good about it?

***Loneliness...***

- \_\_\_\_\_ me that only God satisfies my greatest needs.

If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.

C.S. Lewis

There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus.

Blaise Pascal

A widow who has no family has placed her confidence in God by praying and asking for his help night and day.

1 Timothy 5:5 (GOD'S WORD)

- \_\_\_\_\_ my priorities.

How do you suppose that loneliness could help reorder our priorities?

For example, some people don't have friends or family. But they are never satisfied with what they own, and they never stop working to get more. They should ask themselves, "Why am I always working to have more? Who will get what I leave behind?" What a senseless and miserable life!

Ecclesiastes 4:8 (CEV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **the Lord to help me fill the voids.**

Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families...

Psalm 68:5-6a (NLT)

That is why you are no longer foreigners and outsiders but citizens together with God's people and members of God's family. You are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone.

Ephesians 2:19-20 (GOD'S WORD)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **qualities that attract friends.**

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

- **Tychicus: An example of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.7-18)**

This is how we know what real love is: Jesus gave his life for us. So we should give our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:16 (NCV)

- **Onesimus: An example of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.9)**

Whoever loves a pure heart and gracious speech will have the king as a friend.

Proverbs 22:11 (NLT)

- **Mark: An example of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.7-18)**

**Do you remember what Mark did that necessitated the Apostle Paul's forgiveness?**

Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry.

2 Timothy 4:11-12 (NLT)

- **Justus, Mark, Aristarchus, Epaphras, Luke, Demas, Tychicus: An example of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.7-18)**

**Why might the Apostle Paul having so many Gentile friends, co-workers and supporters be significant?**

Some draw a circle that shuts people out  
Race, position, and wealth are what they flout.  
But, Christ in love seeks all to win,  
He draws a circle that takes them in!  
Adapted from Edwin Markham

- **Epaphras:** An example of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.12-13)

How would you feel about someone who was “agonizing” in prayer over you?

- **Luke:** An example of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.14-19)

Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble.

Proverbs 17:17 (TMSG)

Be loyal to those who are not present. In doing so, you build the trust of those who are present.

Stephen Covey

**Answer Key:** Understand, Realize, Reminds, Reorders, Ask, Cultivate, love, integrity, forgiveness, openness, prayer, loyalty