

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Colossians – Chapter 3

Week 3: April 21st, 2021

LIVING AS THOSE MADE ALIVE IN CHRIST (3:1-17)

This week and next week this letter is all about, “Christian living.”

In Colossians 3 Paul explains true Christian behavior, putting on the new self by accepting Christ and regarding the earthly nature as dead. (V.1-4)

We are going to get our directions from Christ, not the culture around us. (V.1-2)

To “set our minds on things above” means to look at life from God’s perspective and to seek what he desires. (V. 2-3)

Regard the world around you as God does then you will live in harmony with him and see others as he does. (V. 2-3)

Our service and good works do not earn our Salvation, but they flow out because of our Salvation. (V.3).

Christ gives us power to live for him today, and he gives us hope for the future, when we will all see him. (V.4)

We should consider ourselves dead and unresponsive to sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed. (V.5)

Sexual involvement outside of marriage destroys people and families and turns their hearts away from God. (V.5)

“The wrath of God” refers to God's final judgment on these kinds of ruinous behaviors. (V.6)

When we give our lives to Jesus Christ and put on our new nature, we begin the process of being renewed. (V.8-10)

We cannot be fully committed to what Christ teaches when we are regularly falling back into **sinful** ways. (V.8-10)

Always be **committed** to telling the truth. (V.9)

We need **patience**, **practice**, **concentration**, and ongoing review to keep in line with his will. (V.10)

Christian should be building **bridges** not walls. (V.11)

How to live for God: (V.12-17)

(1) imitate Christ's compassionate forgiving attitude (3:12-13).

(2) Let love guide your life (3:14).

(3) Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart (3:15).

(4) Always be thankful (3:15).

(5) Keep God's word in you at all times (3:16).

(6) Live as Jesus Christ's representative (3:17).

Forgiving others starts by remembering how much God has **forgiven** us. (V.13)

To put on **love** leads to **peace** between individuals and among members of the body of believers. (V.14-15)

Gratitude opens our **hearts** to God's peace and enables us to put on love. **discontent** people constantly evaluate what is wrong with their lot in life and compare themselves negatively to others. (V.16)

As a Christian, you **represent** Christ at all times. (V. 17)

INSTRUCTONS FOR CHRISTIAN HOUSEHOLDS (V 3:18-25)

Paul told them that they should honor their husband's leadership in Christ. But Paul had words for the husbands as well. husbands love your wives and do not be harsh with them. (V.18-19)

A wise and Christ honoring husband will not abuse his leadership role. At the same time, a wise and Christ honoring wife will not try to undermine her husband's leadership. (V.18-19)

boundaries and guidelines will not embitter a child. Instead, they will set the child free to live securely within them. (V.20-21)

Paul neither condemns nor condones slavery but explains that Christ transcends all divisions between people. (V.22)

If we could regard our works an act of worship or service to God, such an attitude would take some of this drudgery and boredom out of it. (V.23)

There is an inheritance for all believers. (V. 24-25)

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