

# OUTLINE

## All For Christ -- Colossians 3:15-17

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### Colossians 3:15-17 ESV

<sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Introduction and Background

- when it comes to music, what one person thinks is a musical masterpiece, another person thinks is noise pollution
- hear this joke!

*Two men, sentenced to die in the electric chair on the same day were led down to the room in which they would meet their maker. The priest had given the last rites, the formal speech had been given by the warden, and a final prayer had been said among the participants.*

*The Warden, turning to the first man, solemnly asked, "Son, do you have a last request?" To which the man replied, "Yes sir, I do. I love dance music. Could you please play The Macarena for me one last time?"*

*"Certainly," replied the warden.*

*He turned to the other man and asked, "Well, what about you, son? What is your final request?"*

*"Please," begged the condemned man, "kill me first."*

- I guess in this world there are two types of people
- the first group of people love the song "Macarena"
- the second group cannot stand the song "Macarena"
  
- sometimes Christians put too much value on their \_\_\_\_\_ style of music in church
- it is just like this joke we just mentioned, people have their preferences about church music
- I remember when I was in high school there were church fights over drums and guitars being used for worship
- I have heard Christians say over the years "I did not really get a lot out of the \_\_\_\_\_ time today"
- but we fail to realize that when we show up at church, as the Lord \_\_\_\_\_, we are not there to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves
- we are to attend the Lord's Day \_\_\_\_\_ to please the Lord
- when meeting our \_\_\_\_\_ preferences becomes our ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ in the church we will fail to see the important application and message of Colossians 3:15-17
- then we fail to see that the \_\_\_\_\_ of music that we sing is not commanded in Colossians 3:15-17 and the type of \_\_\_\_\_ that are used are not commanded in Colossians 3:15-17
- then we fail to recognize that the worship service is not for \_\_\_\_\_ because we are not worshipping us, we are worshipping the sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ over the universe

- if a Christian does not get anything out of the \_\_\_\_\_ time at church then the Christian might need to realize that the worship team is not singing for them or to them
- the \_\_\_\_\_ day worship should not be a concert or even a comedy show
- the Lord's day worship is where we \_\_\_\_\_ with thankfulness in our hearts to the Lord and are \_\_\_\_\_ and admonished by God through the Word of Christ
- Paul in Colossians 3:15-17 reminds us of how we are to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves in worship before the Lord
- Paul also reminds us of how we are to do \_\_\_\_\_ things for Jesus Christ
- we see one more time in Colossians, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and how Christ's greatness trumps our \_\_\_\_\_ preferences and opinions
- in Colossians 3:5-8 Paul \_\_\_\_\_ these Christians to take \_\_\_\_\_ the sinful characteristics that were so prominent in the Colossian culture
- they were called to put to \_\_\_\_\_ sexual immorality, \_\_\_\_\_ and covetousness
- they were called to put off the \_\_\_\_\_ behaviours of "anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene \_\_\_\_\_ from their mouths"
- in Colossians 3:12-14 Paul called these Christians to put \_\_\_\_\_ godly characteristics
- they were to put on "compassionate hearts, \_\_\_\_\_, humility, meekness, and patience, forgiveness and above all \_\_\_\_\_"
- they were to put on these \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics because of their \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ
- their identity was \_\_\_\_\_ on these facts; they were \_\_\_\_\_ by God, and made \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of God by Jesus Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ by God the Father and Jesus Christ
- here in Colossians 3:15-17 Paul issues more \_\_\_\_\_ in light of their identity in Jesus Christ

Brief Outline:

**1) (3:15) Peace of Christ**

**2) (3:16) Word of Christ**

**3) (3:17) All for Christ**

**1) (3:15) Peace of Christ**

**(3:15) And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,**

- the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ is to reign or rule in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christians
- according to internet analytics the word " \_\_\_\_\_ " is the most searched word in the Bible
- especially now, when we look at the world around us, we do not see a lot of peaceful behavior and harmonious \_\_\_\_\_
- just last week on live TV we had a very famous actor, in \_\_\_\_\_, slap a famous comedian in front of millions of people
- there is a great need for \_\_\_\_\_ peace but this is not the peace that Paul is referring to here
- Paul is referring to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ or the peace that comes from \_\_\_\_\_

- the reason we need peace from Christ is because we as humans have \_\_\_\_\_ sinfully
- this sinful behavior has created \_\_\_\_\_ between us and God
- because of our sin, the harmonious \_\_\_\_\_ that we as humans had with God has ceased
- we see the consequences of our sin and the \_\_\_\_\_ our sin creates in Genesis 3-11!
- in Genesis 3, Adam and Eve \_\_\_\_\_ against God and the harmonious fellowship that they once experienced with God is now \_\_\_\_\_
- now Adam and Eve dwell east of Eden, \_\_\_\_\_ from the presence of God
- in Genesis 4, we have the hostile act of Cain as he murders his brother
- in Genesis 6, we see that humanity has \_\_\_\_\_ against God in sexual immorality and humanity's \_\_\_\_\_ is so serious that God regrets that He has made them
- in Genesis 11, we see that humanity wants to make a name for themselves instead of giving \_\_\_\_\_ to God
- what we learn from the first several chapters of the Bible is that sin \_\_\_\_\_ us from God and that sin puts us at \_\_\_\_\_ with God

- but praise be the Lord that is why He sent His Son Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ between us and God
- praise be to the Lord Jesus Christ for His \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Cross
- Jesus accomplishes peace between us and God because He takes the punishment that we deserve
- he takes our place, so that through \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ we can have \_\_\_\_\_ with God

- Paul has already mentioned the \_\_\_\_\_ work of Christ in Colossians 1
  - Jesus Christ made peace by His \_\_\_\_\_ upon the cross
- Colossians 1:20** and through him to \_\_\_\_\_ to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making \_\_\_\_\_ by the blood of his cross.

- Paul also talks about the work of peace accomplished by Jesus Christ in \_\_\_\_\_ 5
  - Jesus Christ has given us peace because we have been made \_\_\_\_\_ with God through faith!
- Romans 5:1** Therefore, since we have been justified by \_\_\_\_\_, we have \_\_\_\_\_ with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- the Colossians are called to allow the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel to reign in their \_\_\_\_\_
- this means that we are to allow \_\_\_\_\_ and His gospel to be the \_\_\_\_\_ factor in our lives
- this means that we are to allow Jesus and His \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives

- if the peace of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts this means that Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_
  - Paul has already talked about the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ earlier in Colossians
- Colossians 2:6-7** Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so \_\_\_\_\_ in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the \_\_\_\_\_, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

- our opinions must \_\_\_\_\_ rule in our hearts, the Canadian culture must not rule in our \_\_\_\_\_, our feelings must not rule in our hearts but Jesus Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_ must rule our hearts, our \_\_\_\_\_ and our very being

## to which indeed you were called in one body.

- Paul writes that these \_\_\_\_\_ were “called”; the words “called, \_\_\_\_\_ and elect” have similar meanings
- in Colossians 3:12, Christians are described as “\_\_\_\_\_ chosen ones”
- this means that God shows us grace, not because we have done any good to merit God’s \_\_\_\_\_
- God simply \_\_\_\_\_ us and loves us
- this “\_\_\_\_\_” is undeserved
  
- some think that this \_\_\_\_\_ leads to arrogance and a flippant attitude towards \_\_\_\_\_
- but Paul says here that when the Christian is called by \_\_\_\_\_ they are called to have Jesus and His \_\_\_\_\_ of peace rule their lives
  
- we are also called into \_\_\_\_\_ body
- Paul reminds the church that we do not have 4 bodies of Christ or 5 or 6!
- there is only one \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
- the \_\_\_\_\_ must reign in the hearts of each believer so that there is \_\_\_\_\_ among believers

## And be thankful.

- these three verses we are looking at today have 2 major \_\_\_\_\_
  - the first theme is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ
  - the second theme is \_\_\_\_\_
  - thankfulness is mentioned in all \_\_\_\_\_ verses - Colossians 3:15, 16 and 17
  - it is very hard to complain, be angry, \_\_\_\_\_, to commit slander and malice if you are being thankful
  
  - note that Paul has already mentioned \_\_\_\_\_ several times in the book of Colossians
  - Paul thanked God for His \_\_\_\_\_ among the Colossians
- Colossians 1:3** We always \_\_\_\_\_ God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,
- Paul calls these Christians to be thankful to God for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ because Jesus has brought them out of the kingdom of sin and \_\_\_\_\_ and into the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_
- Colossians 1:12** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Christian do you take time each \_\_\_\_\_ to thank God for the salvation that was graciously given to you?
  - are you thankful that you have been \_\_\_\_\_ not because of anything you could ever do but simply because God \_\_\_\_\_ His love to you?
  - let not your \_\_\_\_\_ become desensitized to the greatness of God
  - instead, be \_\_\_\_\_ for what the Lord has done!

## 2) (3:16) Word of Christ

**(3:16)** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,

- the next command is about the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
- “the word of Christ” of course refers to the \_\_\_\_\_
- “the word of Christ” as well, refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ Word of God – the 66 books of the Old and \_\_\_\_\_ Testament

- Paul commands that the gospel of Christ and the words of Christ dwell in us \_\_\_\_\_
- I read an article this week encouraging believers to meditate on or \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel passages found in the \_\_\_\_\_ so that they can clearly understand the work of Christ and enjoy Christ

- one of those passages mentioned in this article was from Galatians 3

**Galatians 3:13-14** Christ \_\_\_\_\_ us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"--<sup>14</sup> so that in Christ Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

- all humans because they all sin are under the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin
- Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Christian from this curse of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- Jesus Christ bears the \_\_\_\_\_ of God on the tree or the cross
- the blessing that comes to those who trust in Christ is that they now \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and have the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ within them
- “the word of Christ” is \_\_\_\_\_ news and brings \_\_\_\_\_ to our souls!

- but we are also called to allow the whole Word of God to \_\_\_\_\_ into our hearts
  - you cannot help but think of Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ where you hear of just how amazing the Word of God is
- Psalms 119:6** Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes \_\_\_\_\_ on all your commandments.  
**Psalms 119:11** I have \_\_\_\_\_ up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

- yes the Word of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ and we ought to ponder His Word more than we do
- there has been an explosion of podcasts that have popped up on the internet over the last 10 years
- we as humans seem to love to listen to people \_\_\_\_\_
- but do we as Christians like to hear the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ to us through His Word?

- let us be diligent to \_\_\_\_\_ the Words of Christ in our \_\_\_\_\_ as our utmost priority

- we have talked about \_\_\_\_\_ “the word of Christ” to an individual’s heart but we must also talk about applying the Word of Christ at the \_\_\_\_\_ level
- this is also a command for the \_\_\_\_\_ of believers in Jesus Christ
- we are to be a \_\_\_\_\_ that expects teaching and admonishing in \_\_\_\_\_

- this was the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul the apostle as he did ministry

**Colossians 1:28** Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

- this is what we do at church, we are to be \_\_\_\_\_, we are to be warned, exhorted, admonished and even rebuked
- the standard for the church leadership is very simple
- the leadership is to \_\_\_\_\_ and admonish
- but the congregation has to be teachable and be \_\_\_\_\_ to be admonished

### singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

- Paul goes from the ministry of the Word to the \_\_\_\_\_ of worship
- this verse has been used by some to teach that the \_\_\_\_\_ should only use the book of Psalms and no \_\_\_\_\_ instruments for worship
- suggesting you sing \_\_\_\_\_ the book Psalms and the only instrument is voices
- we could look to the book of Revelation as well where we see the worship that goes on in \_\_\_\_\_ and they are singing not Psalms
- and we know that Paul records many songs and \_\_\_\_\_ even in his letters that were used for worship
- one of those \_\_\_\_\_ being Colossians 1:15-20
- the most important point about our worship is that it must \_\_\_\_\_ upon Jesus Christ and our attitude must be one of \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ is not an emotion and it does not depend upon the musical ability of the person worshipping
- do you hear Paul's words?
- we are called to worship with \_\_\_\_\_ and gratitude to God
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ of worship is thankfulness in our hearts to Him

### 3) (3:17) All for Christ

#### (3:17) And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

- we have talked a lot about the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ in the book of Colossians
- we see the supremacy and greatness of Jesus Christ in ever chapter of this \_\_\_\_\_
- when pondering this verse I cannot help but think of Colossians \_\_\_\_\_
- Colossians 3:11** Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.
- Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ – which means that Jesus is all that matters
- Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ all – which means that Jesus Christ creates all things \_\_\_\_\_ all things by His great power
- Jesus Christ calls and \_\_\_\_\_ a people who are His very own
- because Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_, we are to do all things whether in speech or action for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ
- Paul describes to us the supremacy of Jesus Christ and its \_\_\_\_\_
- our lives are to be \_\_\_\_\_ around Jesus Christ and His greatness

- how do we \_\_\_\_\_ in this world that is bitter, \_\_\_\_\_ and filled with violence?
- we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves according to Jesus Christ
- how do we live in world that is sex obsessed?
- we live pure and \_\_\_\_\_ lives according to Jesus Christ
- how do we live in our marriage and \_\_\_\_\_?
- according to Jesus Christ; we will see how to do this in detail when we look at Col 3:18-4:1

### giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- Paul ends this verse with another call to give \_\_\_\_\_
- in allowing Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ in their hearts they are to be thankful
- in allowing the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ to be in their \_\_\_\_\_ and as they worship, they are to be \_\_\_\_\_
- and now as Paul commands that all actions are to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Paul calls for \_\_\_\_\_

### Application

#### 1) Peace of Christ

- there is obviously a serious interest with the concept of “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” in the Bible considering it is one of the most searched words in the Bible
  - today if you are outside of \_\_\_\_\_ Christ know that you do not have peace with God
  - if you do not know and have \_\_\_\_\_ with the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ then you do \_\_\_\_\_ have peace
  - today know that your \_\_\_\_\_ has created a wall between you and God
  - there will be no peace until you \_\_\_\_\_ from your sin and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus who brings peace
- Ephesians 2:13** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far \_\_\_\_\_ have been brought near by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
- through Jesus and His \_\_\_\_\_ we can be brought near to God
  - because of Christ’s blood shed upon the cross we can be \_\_\_\_\_ near and be restored to a peaceful \_\_\_\_\_ with God
  - thus we can have and experience the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ!

#### 2) Word of Christ

- we must allow the Word of Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ into our lives by meditating upon it
- if you are a \_\_\_\_\_ and the crops are dry, you do not want 3 inches of rain to come in one hour
- you want the rain to come slowly over numerous hours so the moisture soaks into the ground
- this is the same with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in our lives; we want it to \_\_\_\_\_ in and change our lives
- if we \_\_\_\_\_ through the Word without any thought, we cannot say that we have allowed the Word of Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ in us richly
- it would be even worse to \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God entirely and be parched

- let us be a people who \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God day by day
- maybe you struggle with getting \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God
- all you need to \_\_\_\_\_ is what Nike says to do – “just do it”
- just \_\_\_\_\_ and keep at it
- if you \_\_\_\_\_ start you will never develop the hunger and habit of reading the Word of God

- Paul says some amazing things about the church in \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 1:8** First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your \_\_\_\_\_ is proclaimed in all the world.

- this church was \_\_\_\_\_ because of their faith but Paul spent most of the letter explaining the \_\_\_\_\_ truths of the gospel

- for instance he writes this!

**Romans 3:23-24** for all have \_\_\_\_\_ and fall short of the glory of God,<sup>24</sup> and are justified by his \_\_\_\_\_ as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

- if a church that was famous throughout the world because of their \_\_\_\_\_ and they still needed the gospel, then we certainly need the \_\_\_\_\_

- let us be a church that \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel every Lord’s day

- let us be Christians that preach the gospel to ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ day

- there are dozens of “gospel message” passages in the Bible and it would do us all good if we opened our Bible and \_\_\_\_\_ them at least on a daily basis (Romans 3:21-25; Gal 3:1-13; Titus 3:3-7)

- let the good news of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ into your heart, let the grace of Christ dwell in your hearts richly!

### 3) All for Christ

- because Jesus Christ called us by grace, we are to do \_\_\_\_\_ things, in our speech and actions for Jesus Christ

- because Jesus Christ has made us \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of God and cleansed us from all sin, we are to do \_\_\_\_\_ things, in our speech and actions for Jesus Christ

- because Jesus Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ us by dying in our place for our sin, we are to do all things, in our speech and \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ

- we as humans are \_\_\_\_\_ to live like our forefathers who wanted to make name for \_\_\_\_\_ in Genesis 11

- we are prone to want the \_\_\_\_\_ to look at us

- sometimes we even try and sanitize our pride by being \_\_\_\_\_ about spiritual things

- but everything we do must be \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ

- just like \_\_\_\_\_ says to the Corinthians

**1 Corinthians 10:31** So, whether you eat or drink, or \_\_\_\_\_ you do, do all to the glory of God.

*Next Week:*

*Colossians 3:18-21*