

TITLE: Colossians (Lesson 14)

TEXT: Col. 3:15-17

INTRO: “Let’s sum up what we’ve learned so far in Colossians 3. When we receive the grace of God, we’re able to put on the character of Christ. Like layering clothing on a chilly day, we’re called to go into the cold world around us dressed in tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness, and love. What’s next?” *D Jeremiah*

I. (vs. 15) “let the peace of God rule in your hearts...”

NOTE: John 14:27

A. As Christians we not only have **peace with God**, but we should also experience the **peace of Christ** in our everyday lives.

1. Christ should **rule** (umpire) in our hearts.

NOTE: heart: “the soul or mind, as it is the fountain and seat of the thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes, endeavours” See Phil. 4:6-7

B. When the peace of Christ rules in our individual lives it must also be true of the body (church) of believers.

C. “...be ye thankful.”

II. (vs. 16) “Let the word of Christ dwell in you...”

A. The words of Christ should fill our lives.

1. The Bible is our rule of *faith* and *practice*.

NOTE: “God calls every Christian to pursue righteousness. Our trust is to be childlike, but our understanding must be mature. Such trust and understanding require study of God’s Word. The authentic disciple meditates on it day and night. Our goal is more than knowledge; it is wisdom, the fruit of inward and outward obedience.” *R.C. Sproul*

B. The Word of God should be at home in us with unrestricted liberty.

NOTE: “If you have a Bible that’s falling apart, you’ll have a life that’s not.”

*Adrian*

*Rogers*

C. The words of Christ should fill our worship.

NOTE: “We’re singing not just to the Lord but for the Lord. We’re teaching and admonishing those around us.” *David Jeremiah*

III. (vs. 17) “And whatsoever ye do...in the name of the Lord Jesus...”

A. Notice the significance of this biblical concept.

NOTE: Prov. 4:26; 16:3; Ecc. 9:10; 11:9; I Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:23; 3 John 5

1. Whatever we say or do should align with what Christ would do.

B. Everything we say or do should be permeated with thanksgiving.

NOTE: Remember the Apostle Paul was a Roman prisoner when he penned this epistle.

C. Put on the character of Christ lest God finds you naked.

NOTE: See Rev. 3:14-17

CONCLUSION: “Don’t fail to receive the grace of Christ, put on the character of Christ, submit to the peace of Christ, dwell on the Word of Christ, and live for the name of Christ.”

*David Jeremiah*