


Colossians 3:16-21

Our New Character and the Christian Home

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


Outline

Colossians 3:1-4 Our association with Christ and our resulting affections

Colossians 3:5-11 Our disassociation with the world and our resulting hatred

Colossian 3:12-4:6 Our association with Christ and our new character



Outline

Colossians 3:12-17 Character of every believer

Colossians 3:18-4:1 Character within the family

Colossians 4:2-6 Character of every believer

We Must Be About The Word

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Word of Christ = objective genitive (i.e. the word "about" Christ) (vs. 15 "peace of Christ")
 ενοικεω = dwell (2nd Cor. 6:16; Rom. 8:11; 2 Tim. 1:14)
 Within you = plural (individuals + community)

True Wisdom From The Word

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With all wisdom = stands in contrast to the pseudo-wisdom of the heretics (Col. 2:23)
 Psalms = Luke 20:42; 24:44 O.T. psalms
 Spiritual songs = hymns – music with religious content

Glorify God In Everything

Colossians 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all **in the name** of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

- Whatever = all things (1 Cor. 10:31)
- Word or deed = rabbinic concern that behavior matches confession!
- Through Him = preposition of agency (1 Timothy 2:5-6)
- In the name = the name represents entirety of the person's character (Ex. 20:7) (Matthew 6:9) (Acts 2:21-22)

A. Jesus – whom you crucified vs.23
 B. David: “The Lord is at my right hand” vs.25
 C. David died/ did not ascend vs.29
 F. Christ enthroned vs.30c
 G. David foresaw Christ/ 12 testify vs.31a
 H. Jesus raised from the dead vs.31b
 I. Jesus’ body did not rot!!! vs. 31cd
 H. Jesus raised from the dead vs. 32a
 G. David foresaw Christ/ 12 testify vs. 32
 F. Christ enthroned vs. 33a
 C. David died/ did not ascend vs. 34a
 B. David: “The Lord is at my right hand” vs. 34b
 A. Jesus – whom you crucified vs.36b

Character Of The Christian Home

Colossians 3:18-19 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

<u>Submit</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Wives	Husbands
Children	Fathers
Slaves	Masters

subject = υποτασσω – willing submission (Eph 5:22-24)

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- Love your wives - Eph. 5:25-32
- Embittered – πικρανεσθε – passive – indicating the embitterment starts in the mind and is acted out against the wife.

Character Of The Christian Home

Colossians 3:20-21 **Children**, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. **Fathers**, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

- Obey = υπακουω – “listen and obey”
- 5th Commandment – **Honor (kabeyth)** your father and mother that your days may be prolonged in the land...(also Lev.19:3)
- Exasperate = to make resentful

Application

Col 3:17; 1 Cor. 10:31

Do everything for the glory of Jesus!

1. Moses made tabernacle after a pattern Ex.25:40
2. Marriage should point to the pattern of Christ and the church Eph. 5:32
3. Children should have a father patterned after the heavenly Father Matthew 6:9
4. Slaves should have a master patterned after the heavenly Master. Col. 3:22; 4:1
