

Bible Study – June 30, 2021

Colossians 3 – Heaven on Earth

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, **3** for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is your^l life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. **5** Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). **6** On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.^l **7** These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. **8** But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. **9** Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices **10** and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. **11** In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! **12** As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. **13** Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord^l has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **14** Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **15** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ^l dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. **17** 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. **18** Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. **19** Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. **20** Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. **21** Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart. **22** Slaves, obey your earthly masters^l in everything, not only while being watched and in order to please them, but wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. **23** Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, **24** since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve^l the Lord Christ. **25** For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong has been done, and there is no partiality.

In the final two chapters of Colossians, Paul moved into the practical application of the doctrines he had been teaching.

I. Seek the Heavenly (Col. 3:1-4); The emphasis is on the believer's relationship with Christ.

- A. We died with Christ.**
 - B. We live in Christ.**
 - C. We are raised with Christ.**
 - D. We are hidden in Christ.**
 - E. We are glorified in Christ.**
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II. Slay the Earthly (Col. 3:5-9)

III. Strengthen the Christly (Col. 3:10-11)

IV. All Dressed up and Someplace to Go

- A. The Grace of Christ.**
 - B. The Peace of Christ.**
 - C. The Word of Christ.**
 - D. The Name of Christ.**
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