

## **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<sup>l</sup> 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.<sup>l</sup> **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<sup>l</sup> 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<sup>l</sup> 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<sup>l</sup> 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<sup>l</sup> 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)**

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

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**IV. All Dressed up and Somewhere 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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