

Colossians 3:15-17

The Characteristics of the New Community

Let the Peace of Christ Rule (v. 15)

Let the Word of Christ Dwell (v. 16)

Let the Name of Christ Guide (v. 17)

Application of Colossians 3:15-17

1. What type of situations might require the “peace of Christ” to rule or be the decisive factor in harmony between in the Church (v. 16)? Are there specific situations you need to allow the “peace of Christ” to rule over your interpersonal relationships?
2. Have you outwardly accepted decisions you didn’t agree with and now hold onto those with bitterness or the hope to use it against someone in the future? Such an attitude is not letting “the peace of Christ rule **in your hearts.**” If God exposes this type of attitude, repent and ask Him to help you reflect the peace you have received from Christ in your relationships with others.
3. Consider the command to “be thankful” (see also 1 Thess 5:18; Eph 5:20; Phil 4:6; Ps 100:4) and how this could be applied in your life as you respond with thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do e.g. a weekly or daily thanksgiving jar or lists.
4. In what ways can you personally “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”? Is there a ‘New Year’s resolution’ you can make regarding your intake of Scripture (e.g. memorization and meditation, Bible reading, audio Bible etc)
5. Have you considered singing a form of teaching and admonishing other believers (see also Eph 5:18-20)? In what ways could singing accomplish this? What does this highlight about the importance of the songs we sing (or don’t sing) in church? Does understanding your role to teach and admonish through song impact your perspective of congregational singing?
6. Memorise Col 3:17 or 1 Cor 10:31 and prayerfully consider how to apply this to your everyday life. Also, are there decisions you’re faced with that you need to allow the “name of Christ” to be your guide so that in recognition of and submission to Him you will choose that which is most glorifying to God?

Reading this week: Read through Col 3:12-21

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>The _____ of the New _____</i>	<u>Other Bible References:</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<u>Chapter</u>	Let the _____ of Christ _____ (v. _____)	
<u>Verses</u>	Let the _____ of Christ _____ (v. _____) Let the _____ of Christ _____ (v. _____)	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church/Community	Name	Paul	Peace	Word

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: