

Colossians - Chapter 3

“Peace or Stress? Your Heart, Your Choice!”

Colossians 3:15-16

Verse 15

1. What a blessed condition – to have the peace of God ruling (or governing) your heart!
2. The opposite of this would be to have a heart ruled by fear, stress, anxiety, tension, and worry.
3. The peace _____ God is available to all those who have been made at peace _____ God. Philippians 4:6-7
4. Does the peace of God rule your heart today? As a member of the body of Christ, this is part of your _____.
5. Then why do so many professing believers fail to possess and demonstrate the peace of God?
 - It is because they have allowed the attitudes of the old man to govern their hearts (vs. 8-9), rather than putting on the _____ they have received in Christ. vs. 10, 12-14
6. People who enjoy _____ peace are loving and forgiving people who are thankful in all things. Ephesians 5:20

Verse 16

1. It is not enough for you to simply get in the Word. You must allow the Word to get inside of _____!
2. The Word of God has such transforming _____ when it is received and believed. 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Hebrews 4:2, 12
 - *“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word... Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” Psalm 119:9, 11*
3. Notice how music and singing are _____ expressions of God's Word at work inside a believer's heart.

- “_____” – These are songs taken directly from Old Testament Scripture, particularly the Psalms.
 - “_____” – These are songs taken from other portions of Scripture.
 - “_____ songs” – These are songs that are expressions of solid biblical truth and biblical principles.
4. Music and singing are very powerful _____ tools.
- A singer has no more right to sing a _____ than a preacher does to preach a lie.
5. The music in our corporate worship and private worship should reflect the _____ of God's Word, rightly divided.
- Our singing should be an outward demonstration of the _____ of God and the _____ of God at work in our inner man.