

Colossians – Chapter 3

“Putting on Christ in Our Marriage”

Colossians 3:17-19

Verse 17

1. What a beautiful and succinct verse. Everything you say and do, do it in the name of Jesus.
2. As a believer who is indwelt by Christ, you should be mindful that you _____ Him wherever you go, and in whatever you say and do.
3. This is a great privilege, but also a great responsibility.
4. Did you notice all the heart issues that Paul has dealt with in the last few verses?
 - *“Let the peace of God rule in your hearts...”* – vs. 15
 - *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...”* – vs. 16
 - *“...singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord”* – vs. 16
 - *“...giving thanks to God and the Father by him”* – vs. 17
5. When the heart is firmly established with peace, the Word of God, grace, and thankfulness, whatever you do or say, you bring _____ to the name of Christ.

Verse 18-19

1. When we “put on” Christ in our daily lives, what does it look like in our family relationships?
2. Paul gets real practical and shows us in this passage. Paul isn’t dealing with the **details** of marriage in this text, but he will deal with two issues that have the potential to rip apart any marriage:
 - A wife who _____ her husband, possessing a bossy spirit
 - A husband who possesses a _____ spirit, failing to appreciate his wife, and attempting to rule over his wife rather than love her

3. The answer for both of these issues is for the husband and wife to be _____ in the knowledge of Christ (vs. 10), putting on Christ in their attitudes and actions (vs. 12-13).
4. It is interesting that neither verse here in Colossians deals with the core roles of either spouse, but rather it deals with the godly _____ of each spouse to the other's roles.
5. A godly wife **responds** to her husband's role of leadership with an attitude of _____. vs. 18
 - Submission is not the result of a _____ dictatorship.
 - Submission means that the wife recognizes her husband's leadership and responds to him in a way that _____ him to lead.
6. A godly husband **responds** to his wife's core role of nurturing, helping, and supporting with an attitude of _____, understanding, and praise. vs. 19
 - A man may make no attempt to understand his wife or communicate with her. Therefore, in his failure to know and understand his wife, he gets _____ at her.
 - 1 Peter 3:7 teaches that a man is to _____ his wife, and treat her with _____ and dignity.