

Colossians – Chapter 3

“What is the Word of Christ for Today?”

Colossians 3:16

Verse 16

1. Paul said, “Let the word **of Christ** dwell in you...”
 - When Paul refers to “*the word of Christ*,” what does he have in mind? What, specifically, is “*the word of Christ*?”
 - This is an important question because Paul said that it needs to dwell in us.
 - There are some who would say that this is referring to the words that Christ spoke on _____.
 - Christ spoke to the twelve from earth, but He spoke to Paul from His glorified position in _____. Galatians 1:11-12; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2, 15; 1 Corinthians 11:23, 14:37, 15:3; 2 Corinthians 13:3
 - When did Christ first speak to Paul from heaven? It was at the time of Paul’s salvation on the road to Damascus.
 - *“But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things **in the which I will appear unto thee**; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”*
- Acts 26:16-18**
- Paul did not receive God's Word in one revelation, but rather a _____ of revelations from Christ. Paul refers to it as an “*abundance of revelations*.” 2 Corinthians 12:7
 - Paul’s letters **are** “*the word of Christ*.” In fact, they are the word of Christ spoken directly to the _____, the body of Christ today.

- Let's do a comparison of Christ's words – His words spoken to the twelve, and His words spoken to Paul:

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John...	Paul...
...wrote down some of the words Christ spoke on _____.	...wrote down all of the words Christ spoke from _____.
...wrote down Christ's words spoken specifically to _____.	...wrote down Christ's words spoken specifically to the _____, the body of Christ.
...wrote down Christ's words spoken while living under the _____ before His cross-work.	...wrote down Christ's words spoken while dwelling in His exalted position in heaven, after His cross-work, and after the law was declared _____. Romans 7:6
...wrote down Christ's words spoken on earth as the Messiah, _____ of Israel.	...wrote down Christ's words spoken from heaven as the rejected King, _____ of a new organism called the church, the body of Christ.

2. There is much we can learn from **all** of Christ's words and from all of the Word of God. But, as a member of the body of Christ today, you desperately need to be rooted and grounded in the sound doctrine Christ has given you through _____ for this dispensation of grace.
3. Once the word of Christ (spoken to and through Paul) gets inside of you, you will have the _____ needed to understand and rightly divide **all** of God's Word.
4. *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom..."* How essential and important this is. It is such a key to clothing ourselves in the attitudes and actions of the _____ man.