

Colossians 3:12-17
Let the Peace of God Rule in Your Heart

Welcome back and here we go! Tonight our message is coming out of Colossians and it is one of my favorite ways to having a good mental attitude. The way we think really will determine our emotions, feelings, goals, our hope, and our belief. What do we believe about God and about ourselves?

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

This scripture starts by reminding us...

1) We are to _____ the fruit of the Spirit!

Galatians 5:22-23 ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Am I --- are you striving to be kind, humble, meek and patient? We can say we are, but what would others say?

I often wonder what people really think of me or what they are saying. Am I a good man? Am I patient? Do I truly care?

Colossians 3:13 is really the BAR RAISED.

2) Am I --- are you --- a _____ ?

Holding on to old resentments is a sure way to ruin my own mental attitude. But it goes further. It says *bearing with one another*. Not just forgive --- meaning accept that some people cannot be what I need or hope they can be --- but then forgive that as well.

Verse 15

3) _____ the Peace of God....

Here we see that this thing that we call “peace” can be elusive. So, it is up to us to let it *rule in our hearts* and again, that only comes from thinking correctly. Angry, unforgiving thoughts will never bring peace.

Bitter | Happy

Unforgiving | Joy

Angry | Peace

CHOOSE PEACE!

And it goes even further. It says *be thankful*.

“What are you thankful for?”

Peace requires that we let it in. It really is a choice --- in how we think. Our thinking will drive our actions.

Verse 16 teaches us that it is *the Word* of God that allows this to happen. The more we meditate and think on God’s words and His precepts, the better we will be at living a successful Christian life.



4) Knowing God’s Word gives me _____ and _____ !

I often say: *“What is in here will come out, especially during pressure.”* ❤️
How you think of others will determine how you speak to them or about them.

“Are you forgiving?”

Verse 17 This really is the point of today’s message.

5) Do all in the _____ of _____ .

Philippians says do all things *without complaining*.

Ephesians says do all this as *unto the Lord*.

In your daily life do you talk to and treat others as though they are a special assignment from God? Who bothers you the most? Who needs to be forgiven because they are crotchety or short-tempered? What are they going through? What has changed in their lives? Can you love them --- like Jesus asks?

This month determine to do everything as unto God and choose to have peace in your heart.

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