

## Christ Every Day Colossians 3:15-17

**Objective:** Inspire each with a determination to glorify Christ into their everyday life.

**Reading:** Colossians 3:15-17.

**Memory:** Colossians 3:17, *“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...”*

### **Introduction:**

1. Can you tell when you are around a Christian? Can other folks notice something different about you? Is your life different than it was before you came to entrust it to Christ?
2. We don't always act like we comprehend what we have in Christ Jesus or what it means to us. Christianity ought to make some profound changes in us. If we really belong to Christ, if we are really sanctified for His use, we ought to be different from other folks somehow.

### **We need to allow the concept of Christ to effect changes in our lives.** (HOW?)

Sometimes we just don't have the joy, serenity, eternal confidence that we ought to have if we really understood and realized the force and the significance of what we have received in Christ. In Colossians 3:15-17, Paul lists several ways the value of this gift Christ in our lives ought to us and lead us to live and behave differently. These are realizations that we ought to let affect us to our toenails and modify our outlook on life. Read.

*Since total cosmic victory has been achieved in what Christ has done, and we have confidence that everything will ultimately be taken care of and that eternal security is ours, we ought to ...*

### **I. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts:** (Verse 15, *“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”*)

#### **A. As members of His body, this is what we are called to. (peace)**

1. Know that everything that really matters is already yours in Christ. (What is there to worry)
2. Ephesians 1:3, *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”*
3. Eternal life. Sin and Satan defeated. Headed for Paradise with God.

#### **B. We should have PEACE in the face of WANTS.**

1. What more could you possibly need? Or want? Someone else's boyfriend, new car? We have Christ!! We have soul salvation, the gift of life, adoption as sons to the King of Kings! We have forgiveness, healing, renewal. We have the gift of the Holy Spirit of God dwelling in us!!
2. Verse 12; calls us, *“...God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved...”*
3. How unappreciative can we get; whatever might tempt us or occupy our thoughts and desires is like someone giving you a Rolls Royce and being upset with them because you also wanted a nickel lollipop.
4. Whatever you could envy of someone, or desire, cannot compare with what you already have.

#### **C. We should have PEACE in the face of TRAGEDIES.**

1. We have victory in Jesus! The battle is ours. Turn to the last page of the Book and see who wins. We do! Those who are IN Christ. Satan is defeated! Christ already took away Satan's power.
2. Whatever happens, the ultimate outcome is already determined. Like playing chess and I know wherever you move, I already have you in checkmate in 3 moves. Even if you take 3 of my chessmen, the game is still won.
3. John 14:27, *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*
4. The peace that He gives enables you to suffer and still have joy in your heart. We have given our lives to God and He will keep them safe. Fear not what man can do.
5. If God places us in difficult or tragic situations, we are supposed to have the faith and confidence in Him to know He is still in charge and must have a good reason for the difficulty. Thank Him for the privilege of serving.

#### **D. We should have PEACE in the face of DIFFICULT PEOPLE.**

1. The peace of Christ, the fact that we have everything in Christ enables us to seek peace, and to

act out of desire for peace.

2. Engenders an attitude towards others that says, "Why not rather be wronged." I will do nothing to offend anyone. I will harbor no bitterness or anger. Seek no revenge. Give them only love.
3. "**Rule**" is the word for an umpire. i.e., Let peace be boss. Let the idea of peace make the judgment calls. "Will this promote peace with God? Promote peace with other person?"
4. Romans 12:18, "**If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.**"
5. Matthew 5:9, "**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.**"

E. The motivation for such peace is thankfulness to God for Christ.

1. If anything we feel (anger, frustration, fear, worry) is replaced with thankfulness for the gift we have, this leads to PEACE.
2. Such thankfulness to Christ leaves no room for envy, bitterness, revenge, self-pity or resentment.
3. Focusing on what we have "in Christ" will modify our lives to bring us PEACE.

*Since everything we have and everything we hope for and look forward to stems from the word of God which "... became flesh and made his dwelling among us", we ought to...*

**II. Let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly:** (Verse 16, "**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.**")

A. "Richly" means full, abundant.

1. Is the Word in you "richly" or "skimpily"? Be honest!
2. Two half hours sessions per week with Christ's word is not "richly". Not when you compare it with the 18 or more hours per week you spend in front of TV.
3. We need to overflow with it. Richly means it is coming out of our ears. Knee deep or more; be immersed in it. Saturated.
4. Talk about it when we get up. At meals, in car, at bedtime.
5. Study it, discuss it, quote it, sing about it. Strive for ever deeper understandings.
6. Not just simple quotes, not memorizing a checklist, but understanding the principles!
7. GIGO. You are what you eat. Feed on the word and become Christ-like. Make Christ's Word a part of your life. Let it saturate your conversations, your thoughts, your habits.
8. John 6:51, "**I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.**" There is no shortage of it. No need for famine.

B. Be using it constantly to teach and admonish each other.

1. This is our JOB! 2 Timothy 4:2, "**Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.**"
2. Do it with psalms and hymns. Ought to catch ourselves humming those little tunes and use them to affect our live and the lives of those around us.
3. Note the mutual context. Teach people the word. Warn them. Eternity is serious.
4. Have the gratitude for the gift you have received to share it with others.

*What has been done in Christ, and what it means to us is not a small thing or a pretend thing. It is so powerful, so significant, so wonderful, that it ought to affect every fabric of our existence. Our lives ought to be radically altered by our realization of what has been done. We need to ...*

**III. Let the concept of Christ govern all we do:** (Verse 17, "**And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**")

A. "**Name of the Lord Jesus**" means the whole concept of Him.

1. Everything He stands for. What He has done. Why He has done it.
2. What moral and spiritual principles He represents and teaches.
3. His attitudes. His character. His Spirit.
4. You become the embodiment of Christ; His fullness.
5. You are here in the name of Jesus; His representative in everything you do. What He would say

thing or do, becomes what you say, think and do. In everything.

**B. In everything you do, whether in word or deed...**

1. Not just at church times, but all the time. Driving car. Baby-sitting. Shopping.
2. Answering the telephone. Talking with girlfriend or boyfriend, spouse. Or parent.
3. In your moral questions; Who will you vote for? What "friends" will you hang around with? Who will you date and why? Where will you go on these dates? How will you respond when someone invites you to smoke pot? What movies will you watch?

**C. For everything, ask yourself, "Will this bring honor to very idea of Christ?"**

1. To His Spirit, to what He stood for? To His church? To His plan, His gift?
2. You honor someone by imitating them with integrity. I do NOT honor Dale Ernhart by putting his number on my car and behaving like I don't know how to drive.
3. I do NOT honor Christ who teaches, "**Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.**" (Hebrews 13:4), by moving in together before getting married.
4. I do NOT honor Christ who teaches, "**Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: ... to keep oneself from being polluted by the world**", (James 1:27) by adopting the habits of my worldly friends; by picking up their unwholesome language, by laughing at their derogatory off-color jokes, by listening to or sharing in their gossip.
5. I do NOT honor one who is "**... the way and the truth and the life**", by acting like a hypocrite or accepting untruth or telling lies.
6. I do not honor He who died on the cross because "**...the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me**" (John 14:31) by being apathetic religiously.

**So What?:**

The Creator of the Universe, the One with all power, the King of kings, loves you so much that He gave His only Begotten to die in your place. In doing so, He defeated all other powers and provided for your adoption as His own child. That ought to impact you. Appreciation for this ought to alter your life to trust Jesus and to honor Him with everything you do.

**Closing Prayer:**

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