

Loving with a Grateful Heart – Part 3 (Colossians 3:15-17)

Three Commands

1. Let the _____ of _____ rule in your hearts (v. 15)
 - Origin is in _____ (Jn. 14:27; Eph. 2:14)
 - *Let rule* = let it be the _____
 - The believer is _____ to this peace – a response of _____
2. Let the _____ of Christ richly _____ within you (v. 16)
 - Word of Christ ⇒
 - *Let it live* = it is _____ in my life (Jn. 15)

Teaching one another
Admonishing one another
Singing – _____, not secular
With _____ in our hearts to _____
3. Do all in _____ of the Lord Jesus
 - Everything _____ of the Lord Jesus – with a _____ heart

Take-Away

The peace of Christ is a _____

- Let it rule in our _____
 1. Personal decisions:
 2. Corporate decisions: closely tied to _____ (Eph. 4:30)
- Sourced in _____, not us
 1. Produced by the _____ (Gal. 5:22)
 2. Aligns with the _____ of _____

Word of Christ dwelling in us = being _____ with the _____

- Eph. 5:18–6:9 ⇔ Col. 3:18–4:1 – they _____ the same thing
- Like the _____ of an _____

Being _____...demonstrates

- _____ – God _____ (Heb. 11:6)
- _____ (Jn. 15:5; Ps. 7:17; Ps. 9:1)
- _____ – I am _____ in Him
- _____ – vs. a _____, arguing spirit (Php. 2:14-15)

Discussion Questions: Colossians 3:15-17

1. What do we learn about the peace of Christ from the following:
 - John 14:27
 - Ephesians 2:13-16
 - 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Can you identify any men and/or women in the New Testament who demonstrated *the peace of Christ*? Explain.

What are some possible application points from the above study?

2. What are some personal steps I can take so that the word of Christ will richly dwell within me? Give Scripture references.

Based on the passage, what are some ways that the local church can make this happen?

3. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?