

THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

INTRODUCTION:

1. The book of Colossians directs our attention to Christ emphasizing the prominence of Jesus in our lives. (Col. 1.18)
2. How can we live a life that is pleasing to God? (Col. 1.9-14)

I. THREE STAGES OF LIFE

- A. Future: The life that is in front of us.
1. **COLOSSIANS 1.9,10:** *“that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him.”*
 2. Fully (pas): In every way. All aspects.
 3. We can live our lives from this day forward pleasing God in every way. (Matt. 3.17; 17.5; 1 John 2.1)
- B. Present: The life that now is.
1. **COLOSSIANS 1.13:** *“He has delivered us from the power of darkness...”* Delivered: Dragged away from our past.
 2. **COLOSSIANS 1.13:** *“...and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.”* Conveyed: Transfer in the midst.
 3. We are now saved and are part of the kingdom of God, His church. (Matt. 16.18,19; 2 Tim. 4.18)
- C. Past: The life that we used to live.
1. **COLOSSIANS 1.14:** *“the forgiveness of sins.”*
 2. We no longer have a past. (Heb. 8.17)

II. HOW TO BE PLEASING TO GOD

- A. We need to know the Bible. (Col. 1.9)
1. Knowledge (epignosis): Accumulated knowledge.
 2. Wisdom (sophos): Applied knowledge.
 3. Understanding (synesis): Aha knowledge.
- B. We need to obey the Bible. (Col. 1.10-12)
1. **COLOSSIANS 1.10:** *“being fruitful.”* (cf. 2 Tim. 3.17)
 2. **COLOSSIANS 1.10:** *“increasing in the knowledge of God.”* (cf. Heb. 5.12-14)
 3. **COLOSSIANS 1.11:** *“strengthened in might”* Relying on the strength of God. (cf. Dan. 4.30; Phil. 4.13)
 4. **COLOSSIANS 1.12:** *“giving thanks”* Life of gratitude.

CONCLUSION: Are you pleasing to God? (Heb. 11.6)

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-Mark 16.15

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM

WHAT IS THE ONE BAPTISM?

Ephesians 4.4-6 provides a list in which there is just one doctrinal position. Among the list, we are told that there is just “one baptism” (Eph. 4.5). As we read through the Bible, we can actually identify six different baptisms. What is this “one baptism” of Ephesians 4.5?

There is the baptism of fire administered by Jesus (Matt. 3.11). However, this baptism was in reference to the final punishment of the wicked on the Day of Judgment, and cannot refer to the one baptism in effect when Paul wrote Ephesians. There is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Such a baptism only occurred twice in the New Testament, and cannot be the one baptism (Acts 2.1-4; 10.47; 11.16). There is the baptism into Moses referring to the Red Sea crossings (1 Cor. 10.1,2). There is the baptism of suffering referring to the severe persecution awaiting the apostles (Matt. 20.23). There is the baptism of John which was in effect until the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Acts 19.1-5).

The only baptism that remains in effect today is the baptism into Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2.38,29). There is no other method of baptism such as sprinkling or pouring. There is no other reason for baptism except as it relates to salvation. There is only one baptism. CLP

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

PSALM 133:1

INTRODUCTION:

1. We are a spiritual family. (Matt. 12.49,50; Eph. 3.15)
2. As a spiritual family, the church is comprised of brothers and sisters in Christ. (Ps. 133.1; Eph. 4.16)
3. The book of Romans uses the phrase “one another” more than any other book showing us how to treat each other as family.

I. ROMAN: A PLACE OF DIVERSITY

- A. Diversity in the city of Rome.
 1. Religious diversity. (Acts 14.12,13)
 2. Roads encouraged diversity.
 3. Roles displayed diversity.
- B. Diversity in the church of Rome
 1. Righteousness was defined differently. (Rom. 2.12)
 2. Racial differences between Jew and Gentile.
- C. Diversity reflected in the book of Romans.
 1. The book is divided into two sections. (Rom. 1.17)
 2. In the practical section, we find all the phrases describing how we are to treat one another.

II. TREATING YOUR BRETHREN AS FAMILY

- A. We are to love one another. (Context: Romans 12.2)
 1. **ROMANS 12.5:** We are all part of the same family.
 2. **ROMANS 12.10:** “*Be kindly affectionate to one another*”
 - a) Kindly affectionate: Lit. Be friendly to your family.
 - b) **ROMANS 12.10:** “*with brotherly love*”
 - c) **ROMANS 12.10:** “*giving preference to one another.*”
 3. **ROMANS 12.16:** “*Be of the same mind toward one another.*” Don’t be arrogant toward your brethren.
- B. We are to accept one another. (Context: Romans 14.1)
 1. **ROMANS 14.13:** “*Therefore, do not judge one another anymore.*” (cf. Romans 14.3)
 2. **ROMANS 15.5:** “*be like-minded toward one another.*”
 3. **ROMANS 15.7:** “*Therefore receive one another*”
- C. We are to help one another get to heaven.
 1. **ROMANS 15.14:** “*admonish one another.*”
 2. Family will put each other on the right path. (Gal. 6.1)
- D. We are to connect with one another.
 1. **ROMANS 16.16:** “*Greet one another with a holy kiss*”
 2. Don’t ignore your family. Reach out to them.

CONCLUSION: Are you part of the family of God?

WHAT IS IN A NAME?

Names in the Bible were carefully chosen to reflect the circumstance, characteristics, or anticipated future of the individual. Eve was so named “because she was the mother of all living” (Gen. 3.20). Esau was given his name because “*he was like a hairy garment all over*” (Gen. 25.25). God told Hosea to name his son, Lo-Ammi, “For you are not My people, and I will not be your God” (Hos. 1.9). Lo-Ammi literally means “not my people.”

What about the name, “Christian”? What does that name mean to you? We have become primarily known as Christians. Rarely are the people of God identified by any other name. Yet the name “Christian” is found only three times in the Bible (Acts 11.26; 26.28; 1 Pet. 4.16). The most common word that was used to describe those who were followers of Christ was “disciple” which is found 274 times in the New Testament. Only a handful of times those occurrences refers to those who were disciples of someone other than Jesus.

Often the word “Christian” is used as an adjective to describe the characteristic of something. We have a Christian home. We live in a Christian nation. According to Strong’s Greek dictionary, the word “Christian” simply means, “a follower of Christ.” The world is full of people who wear the name, “Christian.” Yet their lives do not reflect the life of Christ. If you and I are wearing the name, “Christian,” the people in our lives should be able to recognize that we are following Jesus.

Do others see Jesus in your life by the way you live? Jesus tells us that “*If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me*” (Luke 9.23). Are you saying “no” to your desires when those desires are contrary to the way God wants you to live? That’s what Christ did (Matt. 4.1-11). Are you willing to do whatever God requires even if it is dangerous and life-threatening? (Rev. 2.10). That the way Jesus lived.

Do others see Jesus in your life by the way you love? Jesus told His disciples, “*By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another*” (John 13.35). Are you always wanting what is best for your brethren? Do you put the needs of others first, even those who mistreat you?

Do others see Jesus in your life by the way you lead? Paul encouraged us to “*imitate me, as I also imitate Christ*” (1 Cor. 11.1). Do you set before others the life of Christ that they might learn how to follow Him? Can other people live like Christ by living like you? Do you help people become more like Jesus?

The name “Christian” means something. To call yourself a Christian is to say that you are a follower of Jesus. CLP