

**THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS**  
**COLOSSIANS 3:12-17**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Colossians 3 teaches us about living a Christ-centered life as make Jesus our everything. (Col. 3.4)
2. A Christ-centered life is a life where we have put off the things of this world and put on the heart of Jesus.
3. **COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1:** Our relationships will flourish when we have the heart of Jesus.

**I. HUSBAND/WIFE**

**A. COLOSSIANS 3:18:** *“Wives submit to your own husbands”*

1. Submit (hupotasso): Literally, to arrange under.
2. Submission is the word that captures the primary role of a wife. (Eph. 5.22,24; 1 Pet. 3.1).
3. Was Jesus submissive? (Matt. 20.28; John 13.13,14)

**B. COLOSSIANS 3:19:** *“Husbands, love your wives”*

1. Love, rather than leadership, is the word that captures the primary role of a husband. (cf. Eph. 5.23,25)
2. Was Jesus One who loved? (Mark 10.20,21; John 15.13)
3. **COLOSSIANS 3:19:** *“and do not be bitter toward them”*

**II. PARENT/CHILD**

**A. COLOSSIANS 3:20:** *“Children, obey your parents”*

1. Not adult children, but to young children still under their parents’ authority. (1 Cor. 13.11; Gen. 2.24; Acts 16.34)
2. Was Jesus obedient? (Luke 2.51; Phil. 2.8)

**B. COLOSSIANS 3:21:** *“Fathers, do not provoke your children”*

1. Are your children seeing the heart of Jesus? (Col. 3.12)
2. How did Jesus interact with children? (Matt. 19.14)

**III. MASTER/SLAVE**

**A. COLOSSIANS 3:22:** *“Bondservants, obey in all things”*

1. Bondservants and masters was akin to the relationship between employees and employer.
2. We are to show the heart of Christ to our employer, even those who are harsh. (1 Pet. 2.18)

**B. How do we show the heart of Jesus? (Col. 3.23,24)**

**CONCLUSION:** Our greatest relationship is with God.

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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**

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**WHO WILL FOLLOW JESUS?**

Are you a follower of Jesus? Saying one is a follower of Jesus does not make it so. Jesus said, *“If anyone desires to come after Me”* (Luke 9.23). What are your desires? What do you want to do with your life? If your desire is to follow Jesus, there are three things that Jesus said were required.

**LUKE 9.23:** *“Let him deny himself.”* If I really want to be a follower of Jesus, I am required to say no to what I want. There are going to be things that you want to do but are no longer going to be able to do. The word “deny” is in the form that means once and for all time. From this point forward, I will say no to myself.

**LUKE 9.23:** *“Let him...take up his cross daily.”* The one who was condemned to die by crucifixion was forced to pick up his own cross. That is what we are being told to do. We are to do what God wants us to do even if it is difficult, and even if it leads to our death (Rev. 2.10)

**LUKE 9.23:** *“Let Him...follow Me.”* Literally, it means to keep on following Me. You once and for all say no to your desires. You be willing to do whatever you are asked to do, even if it is difficult, even if it leads to your death. And you keep on following Me. That’s the mindset you need to develop if you truly want to be a follower of Jesus. CLP

## DOES THE WORLD SEE JESUS IN YOU?

### GALATIANS 2:20

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. Is Christ important to you? Is He the center of your life? Do people see Christ when they see you?
2. Because Paul was Christ-centered, we could imitate the life of Christ by imitating the life of Paul. (1 Cor. 11.1).
3. How can others see the life of Christ in us? (1 Tim. 1.12-17)

#### I. PROFILE

- A. How does the world see you? To change how people see us, we need to change our profile.
  1. **1 TIMOTHY 1.12,13:** *“I was formerly...”* (cf. Eph. 4.22)
  2. Paul wanted to be known as someone who had been saved by the grace and mercy of God. (1 Tim. 1.13,14)
- B. We should be known as the people who have been forgiven.
  1. **1 PETER 2.9,10:** Who are the people of God?
  2. **EPHESIANS 2.4,5:** God saved us by His grace.
  3. **TITUS 3.5,7:** How are we known?

#### II. PRIDE

- A. A Christian is a sinner who has been forgiven.
  1. Do we look at others through the eyes of arrogance and pride? (Luke 18.11)
  2. **1 TIMOTHY 1.15,16:** *“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.”*
- B. We should never present ourselves as better than others.
  1. **1 CORINTHIANS 15.9,10:** *“the least of the apostles”*
  2. **EPHESIANS 3.8:** *“the least of all the saints”*

#### III. PURPOSE

- A. We have many missions, but only one purpose.
  1. Our mission is to reach the lost. (Luke 19.10)
  2. Our mission is to protect the truth. (1 Tim. 3.15)
  3. **1 TIMOTHY 1.17:** *“to the King...be honor and glory”*
- B. Our purpose is to give glory to God.
  1. **1 CORINTHIANS 10.31:** Glorify God in all things.
  2. **MATTHEW 5.16:** Glorify God by our good works.
  3. **1 PETER 4.16:** Glorify God in our suffering.

**CONCLUSION:** Live to show Christ to the world. (Gal. 2.20)

## THERE IS STRENGTH IN FAMILY

We learn from Job that *“man who is born of woman Is of few days and full of trouble”* (Job 14.1). We do not have to be told that life is hard. We have all experienced the difficulties of life, and challenges will continue to come into our lives.

God has always provided us with the help we need to get through these difficult times. He has given us the avenue of prayer to talk to God and ask Him for help (Phil. 4.6). He has given us His word from which we can find comfort and hope (Ps. 119.50). Among the wonderful tools that God has given us is the family.

Family is much more than just the biological and genealogical connections. Family refers to people who have a commonality. For example, God promised that through the seed of Abraham, *“all the families shall be blessed”* (Acts 3.25). In other places, the inspired writers use the word *“nations”* (Gal. 3.8). The word *“family”* was used to refer to people who had a common nationality. We talk about friends and family, but in my life, there is only family. That because my friends are my family.

When difficulties come, great or small, it is when we come together as a family that we can overcome them (Ecc. 4.9-12). We can get through grief when stick together as family. The physical challenges of day to day life become easier when there is family who can help (1 Tim. 5.8). Emotional problems such as depression and anxiety are very difficult to deal with from day to day, but the love and support of family makes it easier.

How can we draw strength from family? We have to trust that our family will be there for us when we need them. A family that is reliable is a family that will *“warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all”* (1 Thess. 5.14). We can draw strength from a family by communicating with them. Our family may not know we need help if we never talk to them about the challenges in our lives. Most of all, the strength we can gain comes from a shared love which drives us to always want what is best for our family (1 Cor. 14.1-3).

The greatest family on earth is the family of God (Eph. 3.15; Matt. 12.48-50). You must never turn your back on your spiritual family. You must always be willing to be there to help your brethren. If you are having a hard time in life, you should always be able to depend on your brethren to lift you up and strengthen you. Our spiritual family is truly a gift from God. CLP