

The Book of Colossians

Theme:

“ALL YOU NEED IS CHRIST!”

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TEXT:

12 Put on then, as **God's** chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **13** bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as **the Lord** has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **14** And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **15** And let **the peace of Christ** rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. **16** Let **the word of Christ** dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **17** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything **in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to **God the Father** through him.

NOTES:

(vv. 12-17) GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE OF YOU, AND YOUR SERVICE TO OTHERS

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Liturgy, psalms and hymns: (1 Tim 3:16; Mk 14:26; Lk 20:42; 24:44; Ac 1:20; 13:33; 16:25;
1 Cor 14:26; Eph 5:14; Php 2:6-11; Heb 2:12; Rev 5:9; 14:3; 15:3)

YOUR SERVICE OF OTHERS: Put on then, as **God's chosen ones, holy and beloved**, (**Eph 1:4; 1 Pet 2:9**) compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

The extraordinary effects from the ordinary daily vocation and calling: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (**1 Cor 10:31**)

LIFE APPLICATION:

1. Why does the divine service shape us into godly people if we really receive and believe God's gifts?
2. Where can we exhibit the Christ-like life in our loving and forgiving relationships with others?

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THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST – AT PEACE WITH GOD THE FATHER

“The first and foremost point about Christ’s being in the Father is this, that we do not doubt that everything this Man says and does stands and must stand in heaven before all the angels, in the world before an tyrants, in hell before all devils, in the heart before every evil conscience and one’s own thoughts. For if we are sure that everything He thinks, says, and wants reflects the will of the Father, I am able to defy anyone who would be wroth and angry with me.

In Christ I have the Father’s will and heart. And if God is for us and with us, then, as St. Paul declares (Rom. 8:31), what is there to harm us? Therefore it is all-important for us to look solely to Him, to disregard whatever any other god says, and to reject any other preaching or doctrine regarding ways and means, angels, saints, death, and life. In brief, if you comprehend and see this, then you comprehend and see Christ in the Father and the Father in Christ; then you see no anger, death, or hell, but sheer grace, compassion, heaven, and life.

“Furthermore, if you know that and believe this, then you will also go on to recognize that I am in you and you are in Me. Then you will realize that I am your Savior. You will acknowledge Me in the capacity in which the Father sent Me, and you will prove and show by this that you are in Me, namely, thus: that whatever you are, your failings and shortcomings, your sins, your damnation, your death, are all in Me. That is its proper place. And now I am in the Father; and what is in Me is also in the Father, whether it is caned death or life, sin or righteousness. But whatever is in Me must necessarily be perfect righteousness, life, and salvation.

“By faith you also come to be in Me with your death, sin, and every trouble. If you are sinful in yourselves, you are justified in Me; if you feel death in you, you have life in Me; if you have strife in you, **you have peace in Me**; if you stand condemned on your own account, you are blessed and saved in Me.”

For, my dear man, where am I if I am a Christian? Nowhere else than where Christ is. But where else is He but in heaven, in eternal life, joy, and bliss? And He, of course, will not be condemned to death as a sinner any longer. Since no sin can accuse Him, no devil can damn Him, no death can consume Him, no hell can devour Him, I must remain undamned and undevoured; for I am in Him. “Consequently, sin, death, and every trouble in you are gone. For all this I destroy in Myself.” It cannot abide in Him, since He is and remains in the Father. And it can have no power in us either, because we are in Him.

This is indeed an excellent sermon. “But you do not yet understand and know this,” says Christ. “This calls for greater insight and understanding than anyone is able to have out of himself. But later, when I am glorified by My resurrection and when the Holy Spirit comes, you will be well aware of this and will experience in your hearts that by being in the Father I have devoured everything deadly in Me. You will also feel this in yourselves, you who are in Me. For since all the power of sin, death, and the devil is dead in the Father, it shall also be dead in Me, and likewise in you, since you are in Me.”

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¹Luther, M. (1999, c1961). *Vol. 24: Luther's works, vol. 24 : Sermons on the Gospel of St. John: Chapters 14-16* (J. J. Pelikan, H. C. Oswald & H. T. Lehmann, Ed.). Luther's Works (Jn 14:21). Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House.