LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS

After we accept Jesus as our savior, what is our Christian life

5-11 What not to do / 12-17 what to do

3:1-4 Paul gives a general description of our new life in Christ.   
3:5-11 Paul tells us to put to death the earthly nature and why we have to do so.

3:12-17 Paul exhorts us to clothe ourselves with God’s nature.

Colossians 3:1-17

Key Verse 3:15

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one

body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

1. What does Paul mean, “Set your hearts on things above”? (1c) [In Greek, “set your hearts/minds on” means “seek.”] (cf. Matthew 6:33a) What reasons does Paul give for seeking things above? (3,4)

2. What does “put to death the earthly nature” mean, and how can we? (cf. Romans 8:13) What concrete examples does Paul mention?

3. What is our new identity in Christ? (10-12) What virtues should we put on, given our new identity? (12-14)

4. What are Paul’s hope and prayers for Colossians? (15-17)

1. Read verses 1-3. What does it mean to be raised with Christ? (1,3)   
   - Raised from the dead as new creation

Where is Christ? Where should our minds and hearts be set?   
What should we not be thinking about? Why? What is our hope?

1 Since, then, you have been raised **with** Christ, **set your hearts** on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (Christ is our goal. Christ is not dead; he is living. He is at the right hand of God and is the Sovereign Ruler. Romans 8:34b says, "Christ Jesus who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.")

**2Set your minds** on things above, not on earthly things.

**3For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.**

**4When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory**. = Value of Christian life.

Here "earthly things" are contrasted with "things above," or "heavenly things." The phrase "set your minds" means "keep thinking" about things above.

**Verses 3-4 explain why we should keep seeking Christ. They say, "For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." "We died" means that our old self died.**

**As a new person, what should we do?   
"set your hearts on things above," means "keep seeking Christ."**

**we learned that just as we received Christ Jesus as Lord we must continue to live our lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith and overflowing with thankfulness. This is a wonderful key verse to guide our new lives in Christ. But the problem is that it is not easy to continue to live in him practically because sin is deeply rooted in our nature and character**

**Verse 1) we died together with Christ and were raised together with Christ( new life) When we believe Christ as our Savior and Lord, we are united with Christ in his death and resurrection.**

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1. Read verses 5-7. What are the things the Colossians use to do that incur God’s wrath? Why do these things make God angry? Why are these things called idolatry?

**5**Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and **greed, which is idolatry.** (take place it instead of God )

**6**Because of these, **the wrath of God is coming.** **7**You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

Put to death : overcome, endure (Romans 8:13)

“You cannot keep birds from flying over your head but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair” ― [Martin Luther King Jr.](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/23924.Martin_Luther_King_Jr_)

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1. Read verses 8-10. What are some of the attitudes and actions that belong to the old self? What is the mark of the new self? (10) Read verses 11-12. What is the body of Christ like when its members are clothed with the new self? (13-14)

8 But now you must also **rid yourselves** of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

10 and have put on the new self, **which is being renewed**in knowledge in the image of its Creator.  = how we have to see people.

11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew,circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. ( Christ is above all. Christ is in all kinds of people )

12 Therefore, **as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved,** clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

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Verse 10 says, "...and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." Being renewed is an ongoing process. We are all in the process of being made new in the image of God. There is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all (11). Christ removes all kinds of barriers. In Christ we are all brothers and sisters. In Christ we are a new community in his likeness, regardless of human distinctions.

verses 13-14 have to do with relationships in the Christian community. Verse 13 says, "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." What does it mean to bear with each other? Everyone has a strong point, and at the same time one or more weak points. We should encourage others in their strong point and tolerate their weak points. However, people have a tendency to emphasize others' weak points and ignore their strong points. After pinpointing others' weakness, we want to correct them. But we should realize that changing someone's character is God's work. Our job is to bear with others and to forgive others. An unforgiving heart makes people ugly and sick. But forgiveness brings peace, harmony and beauty. Forgiving others is not easy. So Paul said, "...as the Lord forgave you." When we remember Jesus who forgave all our sins from the cross, we can find the strength and grace to forgive others.

Verse 14 says, "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." All the Christian virtues are summarized in one word: Love. Although we have great faith, without love we are nothing. God is love. God's children must be growing in the love of God until they reach maturity. Childish Christians envy and dishonor others, boast about themselves and seek their own glory, get angry easily, keep records of wrongs in their hearts and talk badly about others. But mature Christians put childish ways behind them. They always protect, always trust, always hope, always persevere (1 Cor 13:4-8). When we put on God's love, it binds us all together in perfect unity. In every fellowship there are conflicts between coworkers. How can we solve these conflicts? Put on love. Jesus' last and greatest command to his disciples was, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (Jn 13:34-35).

1. Read verse 15. What is the umpire that should rule over hearts? Why? What is your idea of “the peace of Christ”? (Shalom : peace be with you )How does this peace ruling in our hearts affect our walk with Immanuel? (Why can we call Jesus “Immanuel” – God is with us )

John 16:33

**15**Let **the peace of Christ** rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

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**Verses 15-16 describe Christian community.** The first characteristic is that the peace of Christ rules each person's heart, because as members of one body we were called to peace. We should not allow worldly worries, but the peace of Christ to rule our hearts when we gather. The peace of Christ is different from the peace that the world gives (Jn 14:27). This peace comes from reconciliation with God. It is eternal peace that no one takes away. Another characteristic of Christian community is that the message of Christ dwells among us richly. When it does, all fears, worries and anxieties vanish. We can be thankful and we can teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. We can sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in our hearts to God.

1. We are “one body called to peace.”

What might make us lose our peace?   
What can we do about it? What should the “body” look like?   
How can peace be restored? (15-17)

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. **And be thankful**. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with **gratitude** in your hearts. 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.**

Prayer Topics

Joseph Han

1. Jonathan Lim: BS with new heart, grow in word of God.
2. Job Transfer from December
3. Knee problem – without surgery

James Kim

1. Jonathan – BS, word of God plant in his heart
2. Children event – Saturday (3-4 lunch together)
3. Genesis Message – GE4

Jackie Kim

1. Each being renewed in Christ
2. Bible study – Jane , Huynji , Chandler, Phebe, Christian , Petra
3. Katie and Mark Lee – Shep family, Coop process
4. Jacquelyn – university application
5. Parents Travel

Sarah Han

1. Timothy Han – university
2. Joseph Han – encounter on God
3. Sora -
4. Sarah
5. Martina

Moses Kang

1. Ryan Therapy
2. School admission
3. Grace