

Series: A Study of Colossians Week Seven

Col 3:18-4:1 (NLT) ¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

Paul is trying to address common _____ of the day and connect how the household is run with what he has been writing about up to this point.

Vs 11: In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

Gal 3:26-28 (NLT) ²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

The Good News isn't _____ just when we're at church... it's _____ for home too!

Col 3:12-15 (NLT) ¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.

If peace rules in our _____ it will rule in our _____ too!

²⁰ Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.

How often don't we expect our kids to obey us _____ how we _____ them!

²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. ²³ Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. ²⁵ But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites. ¹ Masters, be just and fair to your slaves. Remember that you also have a Master—in heaven.

Our _____ character really comes to light when the boss _____ looking!

Col 3:17 (NLT) ¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

God expects us to be ambassadors to those _____ to us!

Homework: How am I doing as an ambassador for Jesus with the people I see on a daily basis?

- take note of where things are going well... be encouraged!
- where do adjustments need to be made? I will submit to the changes God wants to make in my character and in my actions.
- what does God want me to stop doing,, and what does He want me to start doing? Our Father does know what is best for me!!
- Remember... God believes in me and wants me to be the best ambassador possible!