

LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS

A JOYFUL JOURNEY

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 can we know about the peace that Jesus gives? (15) (Ro 5:1; Jn 14:6; Jn 20: 21) Why can life’s journey with Jesus (Immanuel) be called a joyful Journey? (Isa 7:14; Mt 1:23;jn 14:25-27)
2. What is the condition of those who have gospel centered faith? (Col 2:20a; 3:1)
3. Where should we set our hearts? Our minds? (3:1-4; Ro 8:32;Heb 12:2) What does this mean? What is our hope? (4)
4. What belongs to our earthly nature? In what sense are these things (especially greed) idols? (5) Why is it imperative that we put these things to death?(6) What are the practices of the old self that destroy the peace and unity of the body? (7-9)
5. What characterizes the new self? Read 10-14. How do these things reflect the image of Christ the Creator? Why should there be no human barriers in the Body of Christ? (11) What should be our mind-set toward one another? (12-14; Php 2:5? What is most important? (14) How is this possible?
6. Read verse 15. What do you think it means that Peace of Christ or Shalom rules in the heart: What does it mean that we are members of one body called to peace? What is the importance of being thankful?
7. Read verses 16-17. What do we learn from these verses about the place of the word (message) and singing in restoring the rule of the peace of Christ in our hearts. Who helps us on the joyful journey? (Jn14:26;Isa7:14; 9:6)