

The Art Of Christian Living! Pt. C
Colossians 3:12-16
Sermon Series: Clash Of Kingdoms, Pt.8
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Colossians 1:27, *To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

What Does “Christ in you, the hope of glory” Mean?

- **Setting Your Heart And Mind On Things Above**
(Colossians 3:1-2)
- **Putting To Death The Sins Of The Flesh**
(Colossians 3:3-5)
- **Your Relationships Draw Others To Christ**
(Colossians 3:7)
- **Ridding Yourself Of Relational Sins**
(Colossians 3:8-9)
- **Renewing Yourself In The Image Of Christ**
(Colossians 3:10)
- **Breaking Down Unholy Barriers**
(Colossians 3:11)

Putting On Proper Christian Apparel:

Colossians 3:12, *Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

- **Two Describe How We Should Treat Others:**
COMPASSION And KINDNESS

Ephesians 4:31, *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be*

kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

- **Two Describe Our State Of Mind:**
HUMILITY And GENTLENESS
Philippians 2:3, *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves...*
- **Three Describe How We Should Act When Mistreated:**
Patience, Bearing With And FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER

Two Types Of Trouble In The Church:

- **Legitimate WRONG**
Matthew 18:15, *“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.”*

- **Honest DISAGREEMENT**
Acts 15:36, *“Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” ³⁷Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, ³⁸but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. ³⁹They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, ⁴⁰but Paul chose Silas and left, commended*

by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. ⁴¹He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

➤ **One Binds Them All Together: LOVE**

Christ In Every Heart And Every CONVERSATION

Colossians 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. ¹⁶Let 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.*

Luke 14:23, *“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.’”*

Putting This Passage Into Practice:

- 1) **Explore God Campaign:** Host a discussion group at your house September 13 - October 25. Fill out the bottom of the Explore God insert and take it to the Explore God table in the Atrium or drop it in a Tithe and Offering Box.
- 2) **Luncheon:** The “Breaking Down Barriers” luncheon will be today after the 11:00a service.