

Keeping Your Family from Falling Apart  
Colossians 3:12-17

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Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 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.

I. Embrace Your Position in Christ

Verse 12 – “Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved...”

II. Always Act with Christlike Grace

Verses 12 & 13 – “...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

Matthew 7:17-18 (HCSB)

In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit; neither can a bad tree produce good fruit.

- Be Clothed with Compassion.
- Be Eager to Endure
- Be Faithful to Forgive

III. Pursue the Perfect Bond of Love

Verse 14 – “And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

IV. Put Christ First in Everything

Verses 15-17 “And let the peace of the Messiah, to which you were also called in one body, control your hearts. Be thankful. Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

- Let The Peace of Christ Rule In My Heart.
- Let The Word of Christ Rest In My Heart.
- Let The Name of Christ Reign In My Heart.