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Relationship Colossians 3:12-17 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word


What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Relationships are often one of the more challenging aspects of life. However they can also be one of the most rewarding. This week, as we continue in chapter 3 of Colossians, Paul gives instruction to believers about how they should treat each other. Paul emphasizes peace, forgiveness and a love that brings unity. At the end of this passage Paul says that we should do all things for the glory of God. If we start with the relationships in our lives it becomes much easier to glorify God in everything we do. Join us this week as we take a closer look at how we can reflect Christ in all of our relationships, allowing us to glorify Christ in everything we do.



¹⁴ Beyond all these things *put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.* ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Colossians 3:14-15

Colossians 3:12-17 (NASB)

¹² So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. ¹⁴ Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to

which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Who is Paul instructing in this passage?

9. Who should be forgiven? What is the example of forgiveness talked about in the passage?

10. What should rule in our hearts?

11. What should dwell within us?

12. What does verse 17 mean when it says to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. In what way does this passage instruct us when it comes to relating to others?

14. How can we practically admonish one another with psalms and hymns? What if I am not a good singer?

15. How can we sum up this passage's instruction for how we treat others?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes