

**“JESUS CHRIST:  
SUPREME AND SUFFICIENT”**

**The Book of Colossians**

## **The Point of Colossians:**

**Jesus is the Messiah, God in the flesh. He is all you need for a real relationship with God. Jesus will carry you through life's trials- He is enough!**

**Chapter 1-** Jesus is not some lesser angelic being!

**Chapter 2-** Christ is the one who made you alive, don't fall for legalism, mysticism, or asceticism!

## **Colossians 3- New Life in Christ**

**[1-4] New Mindset- with Christ→mind on heavenly things**

**[5-11] New Purpose- Put off // Put on new: renewed in Christ's image**

**[12-14] New Heart Dispositions- Compassion, kindness, humility...love→ new actions: bearing with one another; forgiving one another.**

**[15-17] New Life in Community- One body: Love, Peace, Thankfulness reinforce one another. Worship, Teach, Words & Deeds- do all this in Jesus' name.**

**[3:18-4:1] New Life in the Family...next week.**

## **Colossians 3:15-17**

### **Main Point:**

**As God's new community, Christ governs and permeates our interactions.**

**“Letting Jesus run His Church”  
(and not ourselves)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Imperative:**

**“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”**      **Colossians 3:15**

## **Ephesians 4:1–3**

**[1] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

## Colossians 3:15

### Peace Among Believers:

- Remind yourself: in Christ you have peace with God.
  - Take a posture of love and thankfulness
1. Take stock of your thoughts- "Where is my heart?"
  2. Say **James 1:20** out loud to yourself
  3. Tell the other person your desire for peace
  4. Keep pursuing peace- it honors Jesus

## **Colossians 3:15**

### **Peace in relation to ministry and church governance:**

**--Be careful not to allow the following to cause division:**

- 1. A difference of opinion on a minor issue**
- 2. A disagreement on a particular past decision**
- 3. A particular "yes or no" to a specific ministry idea**

**--Ask Jesus to rule over your heart, "What is best for the church?"**



## 2nd Imperative:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

**Colossians 3:16-17**

**Notice-** both teaching and singing are aspects of Christ's word dwelling in us.

## Colossians 3:15-17

### **Main Point:**

**As God's new community, Christ governs and permeates our interactions.**

**When Christ's word fills us and flows through us- we do things consistent with who Jesus is and what he desires.**

**And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17**