

B. The Word of God should transform our life.

****Colossians 3:16b** "... 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."

Ephesians 5:18 "...be filled with the Spirit. ^[19] Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord."

Galatians 6:1 "Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted."

****Colossians 3:17** "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 Corinthians 10:31 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

How can we live the new life?

A. Get rid of the attitudes and behaviors of the old life.

Ephesians 2:22 "You were taught with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires."

I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

B. Yield to the control of the Holy Spirit in order to live the new life.

Ephesians 2:24 "... put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

Galatians 5:16 "So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature."

Galatians 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ^[23] gentleness and self-control."

C. We need to give the Word of God a central place in our life.

Luke 11:28 "He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and obey it."

Revelation 1:3 "Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near."

The New Life Colossians 3:11-17 Lesson #13 3/3/24

I. We are one in Christ.

A. There was an ethnic barrier.

****Colossians 3:11** "Here there is no Greek or Jews, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all."

Philippians 3:1 "Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh."

B. There were religious barriers.

C. There were cultural barriers.

D. There were social barriers.

****Colossians 3:11b** "... but Christ is all, and is in all."

I Corinthians 12:13 "For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."

Galatians 3:28 "There is neither Jew or Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

II. We are loved by Christ.

A. We are God's chosen people!

****Colossians 3:12a** Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,"

2 Peter 3:9b "... He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

2 Timothy 2:3 "This is good and pleases God our Savior, ^[4] who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

John 3:36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on Him."

B. We are holy!

****Colossians 3:12a** "... holy and dearly loved,"

I Peter 1:16 "For it is written, "Be holy, because I am holy."

C. We are dearly loved by the Lord!

I John 3:16 "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."

Romans 5:5b "... He pours His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us."

I John 4:19 "We love because He first loved us."

III. We should be like Christ.

A. We should be clothed with compassion.

****Colossians 3:12b** "... clothe yourselves with compassion,"

B. We should be clothed with kindness.

****Colossians 3:12b** "... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,"

Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

I Corinthians 13:4b "... love is kind"

C. We should be clothed with humility.

****Colossians 3:12b** "... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,"

Philippians 2:3 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ^[4] Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Philippians 2:7 "But made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ^[6] And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death even death on a cross."

Matthew 23:12 "For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

D. We should be clothed with gentleness.

****Colossians 3:12b** "... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness"

E. We should be clothed with patience.

****Colossians 3:12b** "... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

****Colossians 3:13a** "Bear with each other"

Ephesians 4:2 "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

F. We should forgive one another.

****Colossians 3:13b** "... and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32b "... forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

G. We should put on love.

****Colossians 3:14** "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

John 13:34 "A new command I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ^[35] By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

H. We should let God's peace rule our heart.

****Colossians 3:15** "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace."

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Philippians 4:7b "... the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

I. We should be thankful.

****Colossians 3:15b** "... And be thankful."

Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

I Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

IV. We can be like Christ through His Word.

A. The Word of God should be at home in our life.

****Colossians 3:16** "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly"