

LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE

Colossians 3:12-14, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

What does the new life look like?

I. We Put On The Love Of Christ

How do I love others like Jesus did?

1. Begin by recognizing three truths about yourself.

I am a chosen person.

I am a holy person.

I am a dearly loved person.

2. Then make a daily choice to act with

Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Gentleness, Patience, Bearing grievances against others, Forgiving sins against you

Forgiveness means...

I don't bring up the matter with the person I've forgiven.

I don't gossip about it to other people

I do not remind myself of what has been forgiven!

3. Finally, make an overall commitment to love.

II. We're Ruled By The Peace Of God

Colossians 3:15, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

To rule is an athletic term which means to umpire.

The umpire is the one who has the final say.

3 essentials for peace:

1. We are members of one body.
2. We have God's calling in our lives.
3. We are thankful.

III. We're Indwelt With The Words Of Christ

Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms"

God's word dwells in us as we

Hear,

Read,
Study,
Memorize,
Meditate

God's Word dwells in us richly as we

Teach Others

Admonish Others

When God's word dwells in you:

1. You have something worth saying.
2. You have something worth singing.

IV. We Do Everything In The Name Of The Lord

Colossians 3:17, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Whatever you do - do it in the name of Christ.

Whatever you say - say it in the name of Christ.

A name was an indicator of three specifics about a person:

His Purpose,

His Power,

His Promise

Growth work

Write down...

The name of one person towards whom you will act in the love of Christ

One decision where you need the rule of the peace of Christ

One believer with whom you can share the word of Christ

One place where you will begin acting in the name of Christ