

# NEW LIFE... NEW RELATIONSHIPS

## An Outline Of Colossians

Chapter 1	Doctrine	Christ's Pre-eminence Declared
Chapter 2	Danger	Christ's Pre-eminence Defended
Chapter 3 & 4	Duty	Christ's Pre-eminence Demonstrated

Colossians 3:18-4:1, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons. Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven."

## 1. Be Unselfish Towards My Family

3 family relationships:

- Wives & Husbands
- Children & Fathers
- Slaves & Masters

The key word for wives: Submit

4 truths about Submission:

- It does not cancel out our equality
- Everyone must submit to other people
- It does not mean that if asked to we would disobey God
- It cannot be imposed

The key word for husbands: Love

The key word for children: Obey

The key word for fathers: Don't

Three things for dads to watch out for

- Don't insult them
- Don't ignore them
- Don't indulge them

The key word for slaves: Lord

The key word for masters: Provide

Words that governs all our relationships: Unselfish Love

Colossians 4:2, "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;"

## II. Be Devoted To Prayer

How do I do devotion?

- Be Watchful
- Be Thankful

Colossians 4:3-6, "Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. Walk in

wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

### III. Be Wise With Unbelievers

Paul points out three specific ways that we can influence those who are outsiders.

1. Prayer in the way you think  
Specifically: Pray for an open door  
Specifically: pray for a clear message
2. Wisdom in the way you act
3. Grace in the way you talk

Colossians 4:7-18, "All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow-servant in the Lord: Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts; With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here. Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him) And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellow-workers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you. Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house. And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it. The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

### IV. BE IN FELLOWSHIP WITH BELIEVERS

Tychicus: Fellowship is a relationship.

Dear Brother: A family relationship

Faithful Minister: A working relationship

Fellow servant: A spiritual relationship

Onesimus: Fellowship is all inclusive.

John Mark: Fellowship is forgiving.

Aristarchus & Luke: Fellowship means lasting.

Demas: Fellowship means disappointment.

Epaphras: Fellowship means sacrifice.

Epaphras models for us what sacrificial service means:

Wrestling in prayer for you

Working hard for you

### **Growth work... This Week!**

What am I going to do:

In my relationship with my family...

In my relationship with the Lord...

In my relationship with unbelievers ...

In my relationship with believers...