

**COLOSSIANS: Jesus Christ is our all in all! He is all we need.****Chapter 3 – The *Preeminence* of Jesus Christ is **DISPLAYED**. Colossians 3:14-17**

- Verse 14 And ABOVE ALL these things PUT ON **CHARITY**, which is the BOND of PERFECTNESS.

Charity	Selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love; In a general sense, love, benevolence, good will; that disposition of heart which inclines men to think favorably of their fellow men, and to do them good.
Bond	Cause of union; cement which unites; link of connection.
Perfectness	The highest degree of goodness or holiness of which man is capable in this life.

1 Corinthians 13:1 *“Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, **and have not charity**, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.”*

NOTE You might be the most eloquent communicator on planet earth, but if you do not have charity, people will never listen to what you have to say.

1 Corinthians 13:2 *“And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, **and have not charity**, I am nothing.”*

NOTE You might have more Bible knowledge than most people, but if you do not have charity, all that information has not made you Christ-like.

1 Corinthians 13:3 *“And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, **and have not charity**, it profiteth me nothing.”*

NOTE You may be inclined to give your money/stuff away or be a martyr for God, but if you do not have charity, your motives are selfish and wrong.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 **“Charity SUFFERETH LONG,**  
and is **KIND;**  
**charity ENVIETH NOT;**  
**charity VAUNTETH NOT ITSELF,** is **NOT PUFFED UP.**  
**Doth NOT BEHAVE itself UNSEEMLY,**  
**SEEKETH NOT HER OWN,**  
is **NOT EASILY PROVOKED,**  
**THINKETH NO EVIL;**  
**REJOICETH NOT in INIQUITY,** but **REJOICETH in the TRUTH;**  
**BEARETH all things,**  
**BELIEVETH all things,**

*HOPETH all things,  
ENDURETH all things.  
Charity NEVER FAILETH...*

1 Corinthians 13:13 *“And now abideth faith, hope, **charity**, these three; but the GREATEST of these is **CHARITY**.”*

NOTE Is it not hard to see how charity is called by God the “*bond of perfectness*”? This chapter is often read at weddings. Do you see your Saviour’s love in it? In Luke 10:37, Jesus said, “*Go, and do thou likewise*.” (re: good Samaritan)

- Verse 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.

Peace Freedom from disturbance or agitation by the passions, as from fear, terror, anxiety or the like; quietness of mind; tranquility; calmness; quiet of conscience.  
Rule To govern; to control the will and actions, either by authority or established laws

Psalm 29:11 *“The LORD will bless his people with peace.”*  
Isaiah 26:3 *“Thou wilt KEEP him in perfect peace, whose mind is STAYED on thee: because he TRUSTETH in thee.”*

NOTE Can you see how the peace of God ruling would bring thankfulness in our world? If you are saved, you have it IN YOU – the Spirit of Christ **IS** PEACE!

- Verse 16 LET the WORD OF CHRIST **dwel** in you **richly** in all wisdom; TEACHING and ADMONISHING **one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, SINGING with GRACE in your hearts TO THE LORD.

Dwell To abide as a permanent resident, or to inhabit for a time; to continue long.  
Richly With riches; with abundance of goods or estate; plenteously; abundantly; fully.  
Teaching The act or business of instructing or informing.  
Admonishing To warn or notify of a fault; to reprove with mildness; to counsel against wrong practices; to caution or advise; to instruct or direct.

Psalm 119:11 *“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”*  
Deut 6:6-9 *“And these words...shall be in thine heart...teach them diligently...talk of them...bind them...write them...”*

NOTE Would you say that the Word of God dwells in YOU richly? Why or why not?

- Verse 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.

Whatsoever A compound of what, so, and ever, has the sense of whatever.  
All Every one, or the whole number of particulars; the whole quantity.

Proverbs 3:6 *“In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”*

NOTE What would happen if EVERYTHING we did was FOR CHRIST’S GLORY and with a THANKFUL and HUMBLE heart?? God would surely get MORE glory!!