Colossians VII Relational Status

10:00 am *5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO -

10:05 am LIVE SHOT – ** Worship –

WELCOME to The Peak CC Church --- Online Platform – 1st time ... come in as a guest But you leave as family...

Self Intro - PEAK INTRO Young /Vibrant / Life Giving Church in the HEART of Peekskill.

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord.

*Online Connect Card * RightNow Media

Remember: Mon: small Groups / Tue: Prayer / Wed: Women's Small Group Thu:

Bible Study / NEXT Sat: the 18th Men's Breakfast

Prayers for 1st Responders. PVAC - PD - FireFighters -

International Crisis Response Team.

Geno Segarra: Sabbatical - Losses in the family - coaching schedule- ministry

NEXT WEEK: VERY SPECIAL SERVICE - celebrating our leadership

Peak Next Gen logo:



10:30 AM **Announcements Video - Tithing

Colossians

Last week Oscar ministered "The Battle is His" & spoke from a very personal place sharing his own struggles & battles in the midst of serving God...

It was a great word & what I felt was very timely...

Today we'll be concluding our sermon series titled #Colossians. 7 messages that ministers through the entire epistle. All these messages available FREE

App / Content plug

In my last message Titled "Not Carnality" I spoke to you about the NEW NATURE & Character of the RENEWED Child of God.

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell 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. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Paul then points to our NEW NATURE, and how it should reflect in our relationships...

In other words.... "IF" GOD has begun to start a work IN ME... Then that work ought to reflect in my relationships. How I see & treat others...

2 primary fields of influence 1) Family 2) Work place

Today we'll open to Colossians 3:18 - 4:6

*Col 3:18-21 NKJV

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

In the home... all those living in it have DUTIES.... NOT rights... to one another. We all serve the greater good of living together...

Although the worldly system operates in that of contracts... Prenup's.. (hows your confidence going into a lifelong commitment with an escape clause.) Marital agreements.

Paul introduces the idea that... we are NOT in contract... We are in Covenant. THAT'S WAY DIFFERENT

A contract is a modern legal construct.

It is a legally binding agreement to do or not do something.

It often includes penalties for a breach of contract.

If the contract is breached and penalties are paid, then the payment is considered to be adequate compensation for the breach of contract.

There is not necessarily any moral failing involved in the breach.

If a person breaches the contract but willingly pays the penalties, this is not seen as a moral failing, because the contract assumes the possibility of a breach.

As an example, if a tenant signs a one-year lease for an apartment with a \$1,000 penalty for breaking the lease early, and then the tenant wants to get out of the lease and pays the penalty, then all is well. The tenant broke the lease, and the landlord was compensated according to the contract. The landlord may not be happy about it, and the tenant may not be happy to pay the penalty, but both did what they said they would do.

On the other hand....

A covenant is an ancient construct wherein two parties promise to do something or not do something.

Because of the fallen nature of humanity, the covenant may include penalties for breaking the covenant, but, unlike a contract, it is considered <u>immoral</u> to break a covenant—it is a betrayal of trust.

There is never a sense in which it is morally upright for a person to break a covenant, even if the covenant-breaker is willing to pay the penalties.

Biblically speaking, marriage is not a contract but a covenant between two people with God and the rest of the community as witnesses.

One should not enter marriage with an eye to what will happen if or, in the case of some couples, when the marriage is dissolved.

Marriage is meant to be for life, and there is always a moral component and a moral failing, by one or both parties, when a marriage fails.

The breaking of the marriage covenant involves the violent separation of the "one flesh" that was created by the marriage.

While the Bible does allow for divorce in certain cases (see Matthew 19:9 and 1 Corinthians 7:15), this is not what God intended.

*Mark 10:6-9

"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate".

When the 2 become 1 and both are in Christ who is in GOD, then it becomes easy to submit to one another...

*Eph 5:22–33 NKJV

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

We realize that there is a fulfillment of duties & responsibilities we have to each other in order to complete the Amago Deo ;.... The image & likeness of God!

When a husband & wife submit to each other in this Covenant relationship... Scripture teaches that it causes a trickle dwn effect onto our children...

Now they have their duties... & we have ours...

*Eph 6:1–4 NKJV

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

4 And you, fathers, do not <u>provoke (irritate)</u> your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Paul transitions from the relationship status at home to what we could consider the relationship status in the marketplace..

*Col 3:22-25 NKJV

Bondservants, your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. 23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

Although we don't want to ignore how wrong modern day slavery is... we cant be ignorant of the diffrences and cultural nuances that we had over 2000 years ago.

As we study and apply ourselves to the scriptures, this passage easily falls into the category of the modern day workplace. Those available "For Hire" & those in position to do the hiring.

And here Pauls says that those of us who have "jobs" have an obligation to

obey in all things not with eyeservice whatever you do, do it heartily - sincerely - unto GOD

Who do we REALLY work for? ADP - PAYCHECKS - Organization.... or , GOD?!

HE is the Rewarder of the diligent.

& those of you who are in positions of doing the hiring...

*Col 4:1 NKJV

4 Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

In conclusion: Paul outlines a few Christian graces in this command:

*Col 4:2-6 NKJV

2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, 4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM

<u>COMMUNION</u>

1 Co 11:27-32

whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had

given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Would you bow your heads & close your eyes.... Has that nature of God been "birthed" in you?

Do you desire to have the PEACE of God settled in your heart? Disconnect from the worries of this world to take on the concerns of heaven??

We have an open heaven here this morning... through our worship, prayers, & ministering of His Word, Heavens Gates are open & ALL you have to do is ask...

Those of you who are part of our e-family... although you may be far from us.... He is close to you.

Right there where you are... Ask Him to come into your heart. Ask Him to be the garment you put on today. Ask Him to forgive your sins. To help mortify this carnal nature to put on His spiritual One.

Closing Prayer - Call to Action

Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us...Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

NEXT WEEK Special Service ...

Tell your friends!!!

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you, The Lord lift His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

VIDEO Outro: & remember... Life is Just Better with Community... a final thought to watch.

The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Col 3:12-17.

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