

LET THE WORD OF CHRIST

# DWELL

IN YOU RICHLY

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE  
COLOSSIANS

## Bible study for the week starting June 18, 2023

### SHARE

How was your Father's Day this year? If you use church or restaurant attendance to compare the importance of Father's Day with Mother's Day, the latter is the clear winner. What might be some reasons for this?

Colossians 3 makes a big deal about new life, a new self, a life hidden in Christ. How do people, maybe that you know, exhibit the characteristics of this new life?

### READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. **Read COLASSIANS 3. Discuss the following:**
  - a. With everyone having to give a short answer, name something in this passage that caught your attention. How much can you remember (continue to take turns giving short answers until the group is out of ideas)?
  - b. What surprised you about this reading? What did you like? What did you not like? Does anything really excite you or bother you?
2. **Reread COLOSSIANS 3:5** This verse describes some of the attributes of the old self. How are these attributes associated with idolatry? How does your answer to the previous question inform your meaning of the word, idolatry?
3. **Reread COLOSSIANS 3:12-17** This passage lists the attributes of the new self.
  - a. How does your life express these attributes?
  - b. What opportunities for improvement do you see?
  - c. What's the good news here?
4. **Analyze:** One of the foundational concepts of Lutheran theology is being able to distinguish between Law and Gospel. A clue to helping see which is which is by looking at who is doing the verbs. When a humans (or you) are doing the action, this is Law. When God does the verb, it's Gospel. (Note sometimes in Scripture, God is the actor when the verb is passive).
  - a. Skim through the Colossians 3 passage again. If you are comfortable with this, notate in your Bible what is Law and what is Gospel. How much of the passage is Law? How much is Gospel?
  - b. Read the Gospel passages that you found. What hope does this give to the reader of Col. 3?
5. **Decide:** The Gospel is cause for celebration. How will you celebrate what God is doing in your life through this passage? (see Col. 3:10).

### PRAY!



## New (Dancing) Shoes

Colossians 3

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If, no **BECAUSE** you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above .... *Col. 3:1*

Col. 3:5-8 describes what **DEATH** looks like.

Col. 3:12-17 describes what **NEW LIFE** looks like.

Biblegateway.com – good tool for comparing Bible translations

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the **CHURCH** and gave himself up for her.” *Eph. 5:25*

God has **RAISED** you with Christ.

God is **RENEWING** His image in you.

*Next week – Colossians 4*