

“What is Ruling and Dwelling in You?”

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Introduction:

- A. Who or what is _____ in my heart and life?
- B. Who or what is _____ in my heart and life?
- C. Consider how different is the _____ of a person’s life and the _____ or product of their life based on what is dwelling in them or ruling them.

I. Ruled by the _____ of Christ

- A. Much of the lack of peace in the world comes from the fact that many people are not at peace with _____, _____ or _____.
- B. Jesus is the true “_____ - _____” (Isa. 9:7; Jn. 14:27; 16:33; Rom 5:1; Phil. 4:7).
- C. The word “rule” is a term from the _____ area.
- D. Paul was suggesting that the peace of Christ must be given permission to be the _____ in our hearts.
- E. When the peace of Christ is ruling and is in charge of our hearts then it gives us a sense of peace and calm even in the midst of _____, turbulence, and _____.

II. Indwelt by the _____ of Christ

- A. To dwell means to be at _____ and to have ample _____ to live.
- B. To dwell “richly” means _____, fully, and completely.
- C. The danger in Paul’s day and our day is that churches and Christians minimize the _____ of _____.
- D. The Word of God richly dwells in us when we take the time to _____ and study it, memorize and _____ on it.
- E. Christians who have the Word of God dwelling in them should do two things: _____ and _____.
- D. Paul’s primary focus here is how we can teach and admonish each other through _____.
- E. Singing songs that are rich in the _____ of God’s Word are helpful for teaching and admonishing.
- F. Singing is an important aspect of our worship and it doesn’t have anything to do with how _____ we _____ or how good we _____.
- G. The simplest answer to why we don’t use instruments in worship is because the only NT command we have is to _____ and that’s all that the _____ _____ for centuries.

III. Do Everything in the _____ of _____.

- A. When we do something in Jesus’ name, then we are doing so either because we are acting by His _____, or because we are honoring and _____ Him.
- B. Notice that at the end of verses 15, 16 and 17, Paul ended each with _____.

Conclusion:

- A. What is God’s Word and God’s Spirit calling you to do today?

Answer Key: A. ruling. B. dwelling. C. direction, outcome. I. Peace. I.A. God, themselves, others. I.B. Peace, Giver. I.C. athletic. I.D. umpire. I.E. conflict, trials. II. Word. II.A. home, space. II.B. Word, God. II.C. Word, God. II.D. read, meditate. II.E. teach, admonish. II.F. singing. II.G. truths. II.H. well, sing, sound. II.I. sing, church, did. III. Name, Jesus. III.A. authority, glorifying. III.B. thanksgiving.