BE THANKFUL Colossians 3:15-17 Sunday, November 18, 2018 Dr. Josh Branum, Family Pastor

1. As

Christ.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And **be thankful.** (v. 15)

"God powerfully centers this peace precisely in himself, so that no injury from neighbors, no adversity and no temptation can cause us to waver. We glory in tribulations. This certainly is the case whenever it seems that we have been abandoned by God and that his peace has vanished without a trace. Even then, because the root grew to profound depths, the tempest has no power to destroy it. On the contrary, it rises up powerfully against this evil, even where victory seemed completely lost." *–Johannes Bugenhagen*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

2. As a _____, our _____ thankfulness should be enthusiastically expressed in our _____ together.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **with thankfulness** in your hearts to God. (v. 16) 3. As God's _____, our _____ should always _____ to _____ the gospel. *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name*

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (v. 17)

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. (Colossians 4:5)

TRAIN READING PLAN: November 18-24

-John 12 -Psalm 131; John 13 -Psalm 132; John 14 -Psalm 133; John 15 -Psalm 134; John 16

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