



# CHRISTMAS IN COLOSSAE

*Celebrating Christ in Colossians*

## Devote Yourself

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*Colossians 3:1-17, 4:2-6*


Those who have been \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ are to set their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on the things of Christ.


### SOME THINGS TO *NOT* DO & GREAT THINGS TO *PURSUE*


Sexual immorality	Impurity	Lust	Evil Desires
Greed	Idolatry	Anger	Rage
Malice	Slander	Filthy language	Lying

Avoiding sin is **not** the primary goal of Christianity. It is primarily focused on living a spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ life in \_\_\_\_\_ of God and His desires for you and others.

### Great Things To Pursue:

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- Let the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ rule in your hearts and dwell richly among you.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, both individually and as a community united by faith.
- Whatever you do, \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving \_\_\_\_\_!
- Devote yourself to \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ of God's liberating work in the world, allowing Him to be expressed in and through your life.

## Colossians 3:1-17

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## Colossians 4:2-6

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. <sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.