thanksgiving with the churches



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“If I take care of my character,
my reputation will take care of me.”
D.L. Moody

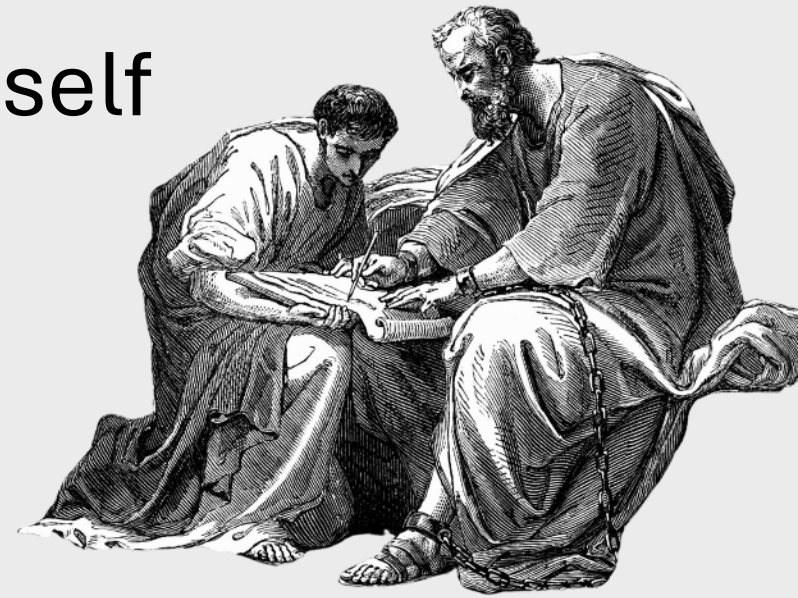
Col 3:12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving
each other, whoever has a complaint against
anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also
should you.

14 Beyond all these things put on love, which
is the perfect bond of unity.

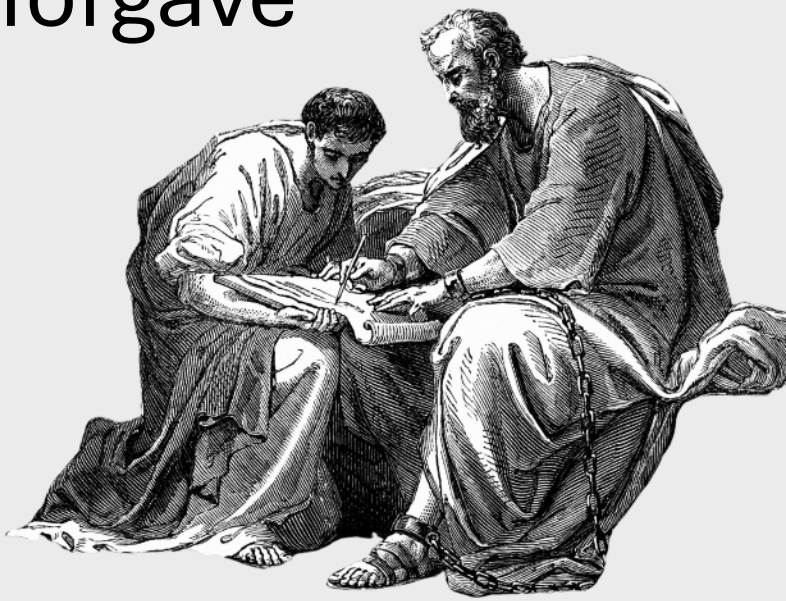
How to Dress 12-14

- Attitudes
  - Compassion – gut wrenching!
  - Kindness – easy spirit (Matt 11:28,29)
  - Humility – perspective before God
  - Gentleness – w/o harsh, arrogant, self
  - Patience – long suffering, waiting
- Actions



How to Dress 12-14

- Attitudes
- Actions
  - Bearing one another – Go, No, Whoa, Slow
  - Forgiving each other – ‘as the Lord forgave’



“I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.” 1 Cor 1:10 (cev)

How to Dress 12-14

- Attitudes
  - Love – agape – supreme love!
    - Love = Selflessness - *“not My will but…”*
  - Actions
    - Unity – together in Christ!

“If you love each other, everyone will know that you are my disciples.”

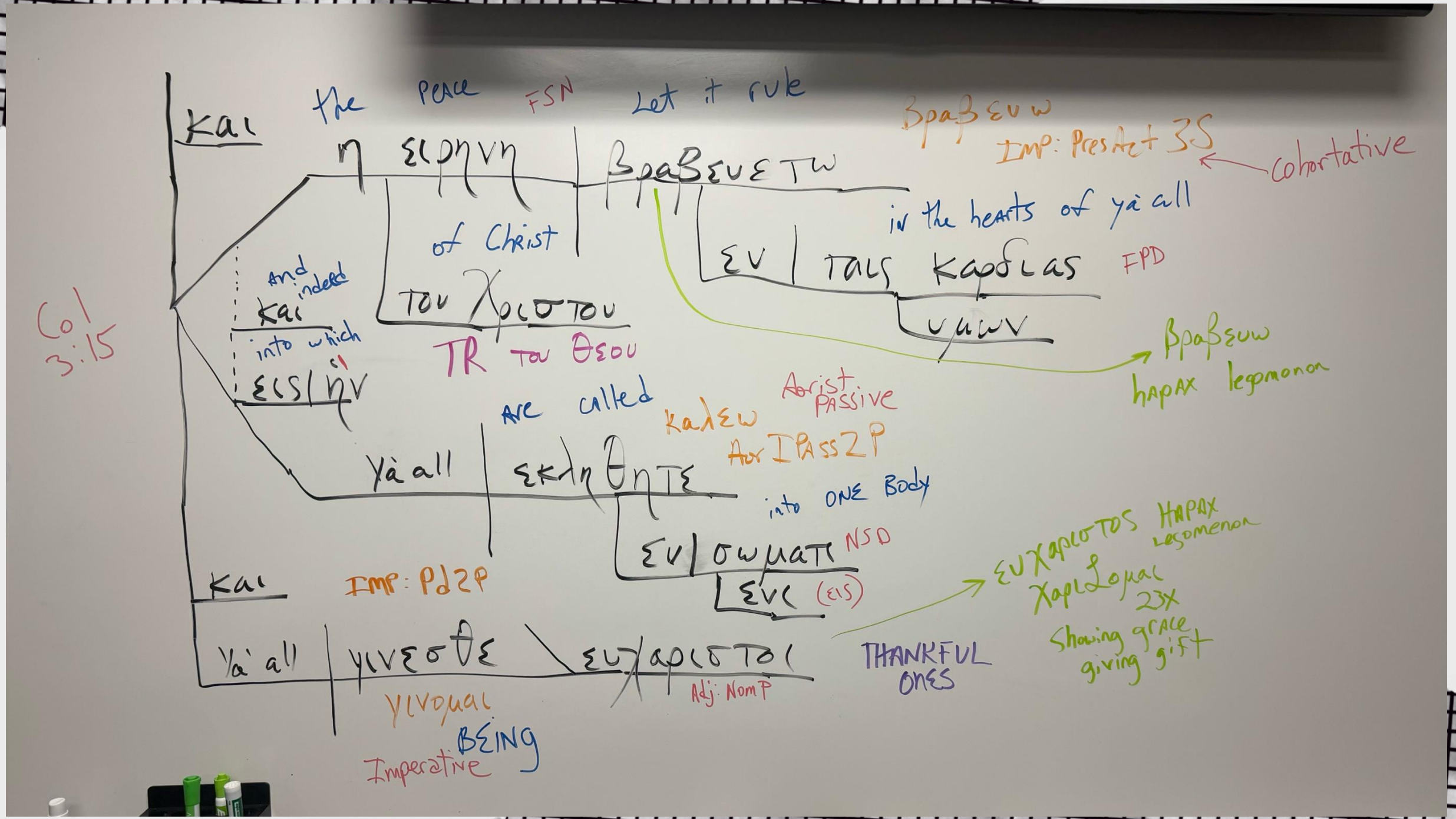
John 12:35 CEV



“The test of Christian character should be that a man is a joy-bearing agent to the world.”

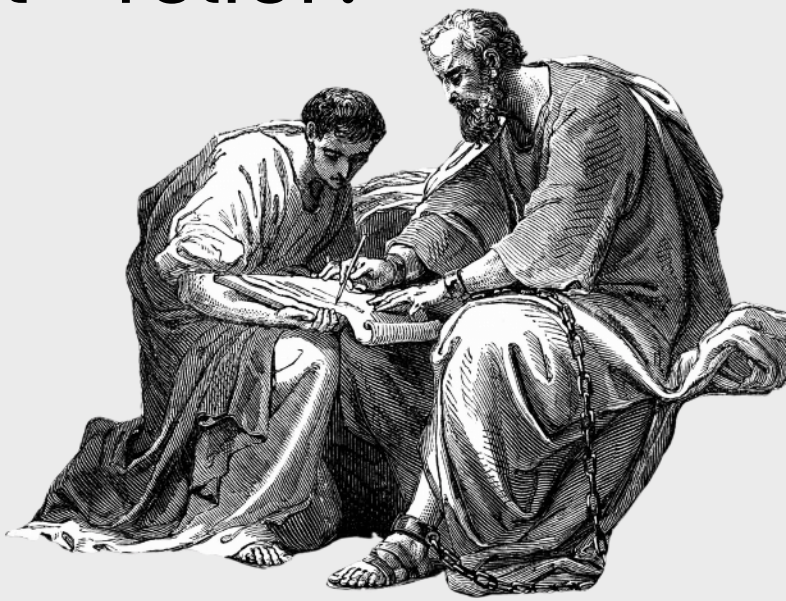
Henry Ward Beecher

Col 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.


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How to feel 15

- “Let the peace of Christ judge, decide, and govern in your hearts”
- The brabeus or judge does in the Olympic contests
- When troubled – seek peace of Christ – relief?
- Gal 6:2 & Proverbs
- THANKFULNESS – REGARDLESS! #1



“Where there is no guidance,
a people falls, but in an abundance
of counselors there is safety.”
Proverbs 11:14

“Character is like a tree
and reputation its shadow.
The shadow is what we think it is
and the tree is the real thing.”
Abraham Lincoln

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

How to worship – everyday! 16

- ‘dwell’ – John 1:14 – same concept
- Holy Spirit in the OT
- Holy Spirit in the NT – 2 Tim 1:14
- ‘dwell’ – host and serve
- Variety in worship – similar w/diversity
- THANKFULNESS! #2



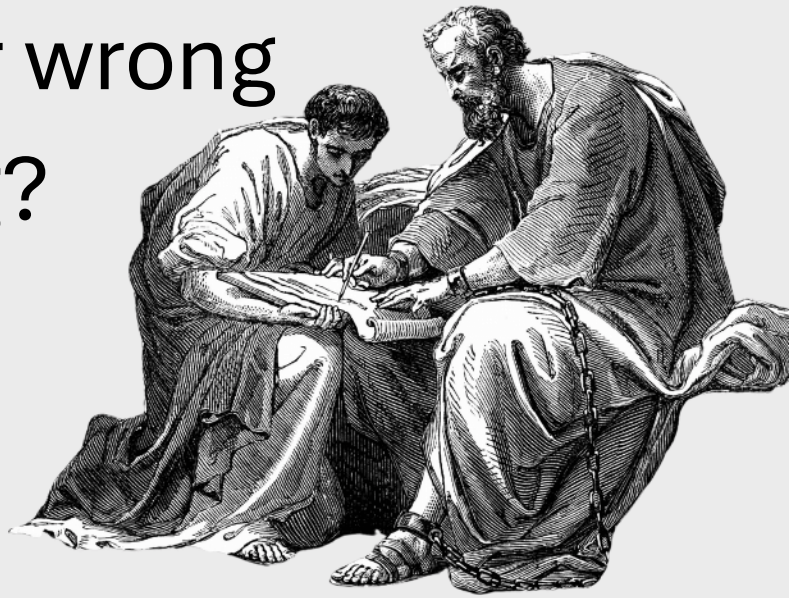
“The more often a man feels without acting, the less he will ever be able to act, and in the long run, the less he will be able to feel.”

C. S. Lewis. Screwtape Letters

Col 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

How to Live – word & deed 17

- We are not under the Law – ceremonial or civil
- We are under God's moral Law
- "All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands." Love – Love! Deut 6:5 – Lev 19:18
- I don't have to know who was right or wrong
- Who came out unloving – unforgiving?
- GIVING THANKS! #3



“Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet to see who they really are.”

Will Ferrell

THANKSGIVING – Colossians

- I will ‘put on’ the character of Christ
- I will seek the ‘peace of Christ’ to decide
- I will live a life of worship - not just attend
- I will be thankful in word & deed

WHAT WILL I THANK GOD FOR NOW



“Resolved: that all men should live for the glory of God. Resolved second: that whether others do or not, I will.”

Martin Luther

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