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

—Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)

The Book for Colossians was written by the apostle Paul during an imprisonment in Rome. The main purpose of the book is to encourage the church that is - the people of God the group of people that love

Him to move away from cultic teachings.

The Holiness of God is Transcendence, Manifested Presence -
Confidence that God is bigger than our situation - God in the midst of
our circumstances - God's holiness casts out fear.

I love how Pastor Mark defined Holiness Last Week:

God doesn't fit within the four dimensions of spacetime He created
much less, the logical constraints of our left-brains. God is Bigger than
Big (Transcendence) God is Closer than Close (Immanence). He is the
most High God and his holiness is expressed in the person of Jesus
Christ. Jesus is the definition of holy. Holiness is to be Christlike.

Compassion - sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or
misfortunes of others.

Kindness - friendly, generous, considerate

Humility - a modest view of one's own self - seeing others as
important

Gentleness - tender and mild mannered in your dealings with others

Patience - capacity to accept or tolerate delay suffering or trouble
without getting upset

Forgiveness does not mean approving a sin or excusing evil. Rather,
forgiveness means releasing people from obligations incurred by their
wrongs against you. This may come in the form of unilateral
forgiveness - that-is, forgiving someone who has not asked for
forgiveness.

What makes forgiveness possible is recognizing that the Lord has
forgiven you

The problem isn't always the environment, it's that we are ill-equipped

to deal with our environment.

Clothe yourself according to what God has done for you!

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

—Colossians 3:15

What if in every challenge, we stepped back and looked for a ruling from the peace of Christ.

Paul is saying make peace your final authority.

“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly” —Colossians 3:16

The Greek Word for dwell is *Oikos*.

Dwell = Home

Paul is saying, let the word make permanent residence in you. Not just a visit.

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against thee.”

—Psalm 119:11

Is God’s word a stranger in your house? Or are you saturated with the life-giving word?

“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.”

Hymn books have 3 types of song:

- “Psalms” – Inspired expressions of the word.
- “Hymns” – Praise songs. Responses of gratitude.
- “Spiritual songs” – Testimony songs reflecting God’s leadership.

When you sing, you minister to God...and others.

Theatre design: We worship over one another in this house!

Singing and being sang to, alter the chemistry of the body!

God changes your “dis” and makes it an “en”...you go from discouraged to encouraged.

“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 3:17

Jesus literally means “**Yahweh saves**”. Built into his names meaning is his primary function.

When you go somewhere or do something in someone’s name, you carry two things. **Authority and representation.**

Pray in consistency with Jesus’ will and character.

“In Jesus name” isn’t just a power move...it’s a filter.

Oil goes through the press. Then it is used for healing, for restoring, for a new fragrance.

You can’t anoint others with your oil, if you haven’t been pressed.

You have a unique anointing!

“He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

—Isaiah 63

We are anointed with his oil of love and sacrifice. So that we can produce pure oil as we go through our crushing.

To live under the authority of Jesus, is to operate in his anointing.