

# Saint Paul's Baptist Church

*Weekday Study Notes*

## W E L C O M E T O S A I N T P A U L ' S

Saint Paul's Baptist Church exists to empower people to grow into all that God created them to be. We do that by finding needs and meeting them, finding problems, and solving them, finding hurts and healing them.

## GET CONNECTED

God created us for community. To volunteer, participate in a small group, or would get more information about upcoming events, visit [myspbc.org](http://myspbc.org) or download our free mobile app at [myspbc.info/app](http://myspbc.info/app).

## NEED PRAYER?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us during or after worship services for personal prayer at [myspbc.info/prayerroom](http://myspbc.info/prayerroom). You may also submit a prayer request anytime at [myspbc.info/prayer](http://myspbc.info/prayer).

## JESUS IS GREATER: A STUDY IN COLOSSIANS

*Today's Lesson: God's Design for the Home*

*Colossians 3:18-4:1: The Message*

<sup>18</sup>Wives, understand and support your husbands by submitting to them in ways that honor the Master. <sup>19</sup>Husbands, go all out in love for your wives. Don't take advantage of them. <sup>20</sup>Children, do what your parents tell you. This delights the Master no end.

<sup>21</sup>Parents—don't come down too hard on your children or you'll crush their spirits.

<sup>22-25</sup>Servants, do what you're told by your earthly masters. And don't just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you'll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ. The sullen servant who does shoddy work will be held responsible. Being a follower of Jesus doesn't cover up bad work. And masters, treat your servants considerately. Be fair with them. Don't forget for a minute that you, too, serve a Master—God in heaven.

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**Main Idea:** When Christ is the Lord of a family, they can build their home according to God's design and desire.

1. **WE MUST \_\_\_\_\_ OUR HOMES TO THE LORD (3:18-4:1).**

a. We must \_\_\_\_\_ to his leadership.

b. We must \_\_\_\_\_ with his love.

2. **WE CAN \_\_\_\_\_ WITH HARMONY IN THE LORD (3:18-4:1).**

a. Wives should \_\_\_\_\_ lift up their husbands (3:18).

b. Husbands should \_\_\_\_\_ love their wives (3:19).

c. Children should \_\_\_\_\_ listen to their parents (3:20).

d. Parents should \_\_\_\_\_ lead their children (3:21).

e. Believers should \_\_\_\_\_ labor for their employers (3:22).

3. **WE SHOULD \_\_\_\_\_ OUR HEARTS FOR THE LORD (3:18-4:1).**

a. We must \_\_\_\_\_ consider different situations.

b. We must \_\_\_\_\_ consider difficult seasons.

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### **DIG DEEPER QUESTIONS:**

1. In what ways can we work out the Lordship of Christ in our lives practically? Do you think we are ultimately accountable to God for how we function in our families?
2. In light of this passage, how should we address the issues of assault and abuse in families? What are some of the ways in which parents can protect and provide for their children in light of this passage?
3. What does this passage have to say in light of different marital and familial situations? How should we consider difficult seasons in family life? Why is our “homelife” significant in terms of our mission?

**CHALLENGE:** What is one “a-ha” moment you had today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week’s message, how would the next week be different for you?

**SERVE:** How is God calling us to live out this lesson this week? As individuals? As a group?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Take this time to review church announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at [myspbc.org](http://myspbc.org). You can also connect with us on social media at [facebook.com/myspbc](https://facebook.com/myspbc), [instagram.com/myspbc](https://instagram.com/myspbc) and [twitter.com/MySPBC\\_online](https://twitter.com/MySPBC_online). Turn on your notifications.

**CELEBRATIONS:** Take this time to note praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER:** Take this time to note prayer requests. Close with prayer.