



Colossians

"Changed" Results

3:18-4:1

REVIEW

- **Christ in you**, the hope of Glory (1:27)
- New Life – set your mind/thoughts (3:1-4)
- Holy; Chosen; Beloved
- Put on the New Self...Compassion; Kindness; Humility; Gentleness; Patience; Bearing with; Forgiving... **Cloak** of Love
- The Peace of God – be thankful! (3:15) 3 times!!!
- The Word of Christ with grace (16)
- Whatever you do...in His Name giving thanks
- And now, some specifics... **where** do we start???

THE CHANGING FAMILY

- When we put on and live in these promises:
 - Family must be the FIRST to benefit
 - Family was created first (Gen 2)
 - Family needs/deserves the best of our lives
 - This is critical to any generation – attacks!!!
 - Faithfulness vs. sensual self-centered lifestyles
 - How will the next generation know if we fail here?
 - If the Family falls, so does the church!
- The picture created here must be in relation to the fullness of His promises/plan/empowerment.

WIVES FIRST

- This is specific to married, not all, women...
 - Submit yourselves to **your** husband, not all men
 - ***hupotasso*** – subdue, a military word, flowing of rank or the honor given by a citizen to the state. (Ephesians 5:21,24; James 4:7)
 - NOTE: this is only possible **after** the putting on of the new self and all that goes with it!
- What it **does not** mean:
 - Allowing tyrannical, beastly, high-handed, oppression leading to inferiority or slavery
 - Following blindly anything that is asked
- This is submission to God first, then spouse

SO WHAT DOES IT SAY/MEAN?

- Order, cooperation, partnership, team-work,
- This is fitting (*aneko*) (Impefect. Act. Ind.)
 - This is the right thing to do, not because the spouse is superior, but because we all surrender ourselves to the Lord and serve in love!
 - 1Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 5:22; 1Timothy 3:11; Titus 2:4; 1Peter 3:1
- This tells us the key to good marriages
 - Doing it God's way
 - Allowing Christ to be all and in all first
 - Looking for the mutual support – spouse/Lord

NOW THE HUSBANDS

- LOVE! *Agape* (pres. act. imperative)
 - Does He love??? Selfless, unselfish, sacrificial, with willingness & affection, seeking highest good & blessing for the wife... uh....
 - Love your wives! **Not your stuff!!!**
- Beware of bitterness! (pres. pass. imp)
 - *pikraino* (Revelation 8:11; 10:9,10 only)
 - Don't get into this habit; stop having the habit
 - Failing to rely on the Lord can lead to this
 - Ephesians 5:25; 1Peter 3:7; Proverbs 5:18; Genesis 2:24

CHILDREN AND PARENTS

- Children are to obey parents:
 - In everyday, normal instructions for life
 - Again, this is not dictatorial authoritarianism
 - Obey - *hupakouo*, listen to/for, as a porter for a door
 - “in all things” is a toughy...
 - It is not the usual obedience that is dangerous, but the sudden acts of rebellion and stubbornness
 - How much better would this world be...
- Well pleasing to the Lord *euarestos* - Romans 12:1,2
 - This is our constant goal in our lives, learn it young
 - Ephesians 6:1; Proverbs 1:8; 6:20; 7:1; 10:1; 20:11; 23:22

EASY DAD...

- Another warning, especially to dad's who did most of the guidance in Jesus day
 - Know the difference and the timing
 - *erethizo* - to stir up, excite, stimulate [2Corinthians 9:2]
 - Nagging as a habit pres. act. Imp
- *athumeo* – no heart, lose heart, dispirited
 - They will get enough of this in the world
 - They need to know the careful hand of love
 - Encouraging, gently guiding till they are of age

SLAVES?

- Why not preach against this? *doulos*
 - Not about “freedom”, but about hearts!
- *humanoid* – to listen, hear... as a door porter
 - Same as root word used for children
- Not just externals – “doing the job”
 - This is what those who seek to please men do...
- We answer to a higher authority!
 - SINCERITY OF HEART! *haplotes* – simple, single
 - Fear the Lord!!! (Jesus!)
 - Do it heartily (*psuche*) put your heart and soul in it
 - Reward is from Jesus! Inheritance, NOT wages!!!

AND THE MASTERS...

- Consequences of not doing right (slave/master)
 - loss of active opportunities to show our God
 - Best workers should be Christians!
 - God will judge without prejudice or partiality
- *dikaiois* – just, right actions
- *isotes* – (3x 2Corinthians 8:14 2x) fairness, equality
 - What labor problem would come from this?
- Realize (*oida*) we all have a MASTER!
 - How you treat others...
 - This would be a wake up call to many!