

Route 66 Colossians 3

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Who has God been in your week? Declare a character trait of God. Example: "He's been my peace."

Chore into a game - What Changed? The perspective

Paul is not just giving us a list of do's and don'ts. He is helping us to know who we are. Once we know who we are perhaps we will know how to respond like Jesus.

Thrift Store - Job Description

Colossians 3:1-4

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

<u>Perhaps The Negative Stuff</u> - Things that will get you fired.

Colossians 3:5-11

"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all."

Tonight we're going to focus a little more on the second part of this section of scripture.

<u>Perhaps The Positive Stuff</u> – Job Duties & Character needed. (The things that lead to great guest service.)

Colossians 3:12-17

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

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, <u>singing to</u> God with gratitude in your hearts.

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."

Would you smile, greet the customer, and use their name when calling back the order, if you didn't know you were the cashier or if you didn't work there at all?

Now let's go back and read the underlined parts, the who!

The Position – Who We Are

We have been given a new life by Christ and we are now God's Holy people dearly loved by Him. We are forgiven & joined together through love with God in perfect unity. We are members of one body, His church, who sings with gratitude in our hearts and gives constant thanksgiving through and for Christ, who has given us all things.

2 Corinthians 5:20

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Do you know Who God is?
Do you know who you are?
Are you ready to be God's Ambassador?

Prayer