

# Sermon Notes for Young People

August 25, 2019 | Col. 3:15-17, "Put on Gratitude"

**I. Introduction:** What has Paul said is the way to obtain spiritual maturity, assurance, and access to God?

## II. Main Argument

**A. New Covenant Life (vv. 15-16):** What is the significance of "living under new management"?

1. Peace of Christ (v. 15): How is this peace related to what we have?

- a. In what way does this peace rule?
- b. **Application:** does this peace mean Christians become "doormats" or neither seek nor offer restitution to correct wrongs? How so?
- c. What is the difference between peace *in our hearts* versus peace that *rules* in the heart?
- d. How is this peace reflected in the "holy, catholic, and apostolic Church"?
- e. **Application:** How is gratitude to God related to showing grace and knowing peace?

2. Word of Christ (v. 16)

- a. What does he mean by "word of Christ" here?
  - 1) Distinguish *honoring* the Word of Christ versus allowing it to *dwell* in you richly:
  - 2) **Application:** How do you encourage the word of Christ to dwell richly?
  - 3) **Application:** How does this relate to the vows the parents and the congregation make at the baptism of covenant children?

4) What is the connection to Eph. 5:18?

b. Who primarily does the teaching in church?

- 1) How do all Christians teach and admonish one another in the church?
- 2) What is the connection to Col. 1:9, and what does this teach us about prayer?

c. Singing and Church Life

- 1) **Application:** Why ought singing God's praises be part of the Christian's life?
- 2) **Application:** Why ought all Christians participate in the singing of praise to God?
- 3) **Application:** Why ought the songs we sing in worship be "*singable*"?
- 4) **Application:** Why ought and why *can* Christians sing the Psalms?

d. Gratitude: Christian worship is not driven by emotion, but what? Why is that vital?

**B. New Covenant Gratitude (v. 17)**

1. Dominion: What is the "basic and fundamental rule of the Christian life?"

- a. How does this principle sanctify (or make holy) everything Christians do?
- b. **Application:** What does *Christian* mean?

2. Christ the Mediator: Why do we offer thanks to the Father *through* Christ?

**III. Questions** for my Parents or the Pastor: