

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, September 27, 2015

Trust & Obey - Grace Driven Obedience

School

Colossians 3:12-17 (ESV)

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How does grace driven obedience work?

A. Put on Christ, make Him your all.

9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. (Colossians 3:9-11 ESV)

B. Let His grace redeem your attitudes.

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, (Colossians 3:12 ESV)

C. Trust and obey believing God can.

13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (Colossians 3:12 ESV)

D. Let His grace shape your thinking.

15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:15-17 ESV)

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Getting Started

1. What did you find significant in this week's sermon?

2. How would you define the word "holy"? Who do you know that you would describe as holy?

3. Read Colossians 3:12-17. What are the words used in this passage to describe Christians? Which of those would others say describes you?

4. What are the steps this passage outlines that would help you live a life holy and pleasing to God?

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5. What do love and forgiveness have to do with each other? How are you doing with loving others?

6. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Paul wrote these words about love to believers who were having difficulty getting along. Which of these characteristics of love are easily manifested in your life? With which of these do you have difficulty?

7. Read Matthew 6:12-15, and Matthew 18:21-22. Who is in your life against whom you are holding unforgiveness, or against whom you are harboring ill will? Ask God to search your heart and reveal any areas of unforgiveness. Commit these relationships to prayer. If possible, go to that person and extend forgiveness.

8. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 every day this week. Be purposeful in living in this manner.