

Bible Study Colossians

Chapter 3

Questions for Consideration

1. Paul begins chapter 3 with an invitation. “So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above”. He also includes “Set your mind on things that are above.” What do you think Paul means by this?
2. Secondly Paul put another invitation in vss. 5 “Put to death, whatever in you is earthly.” Again what do you think Paul means by that?
3. How is the “New Self” going to go about putting to death the “Old Self”?
4. Next: vss. 15. Paul invites us to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. Is this the mystery we are invited to discover? How does the death and resurrection of Jesus which we share, empower us to live in the “New Self”?
5. This chapter ends with some rules for the Christian Household, vss. 18-25. It sounds a bit strange at first. “Wives be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Children obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children or they may lose heart.” All of this sounds strange to us, but even more strange in that time don’t you think? If wives were the property of their husbands and children were disciplined and raised solely by their mothers what impact did these words have on the family system? What difference did it make that reverence for Christ now had become the focus of family relationships instead of a male dominated hierarchy?

Again thank you for working through this wonderful book. May God grant us wisdom as we read and patience and courage to ask the tough questions. Blessings, Pastor Jeff