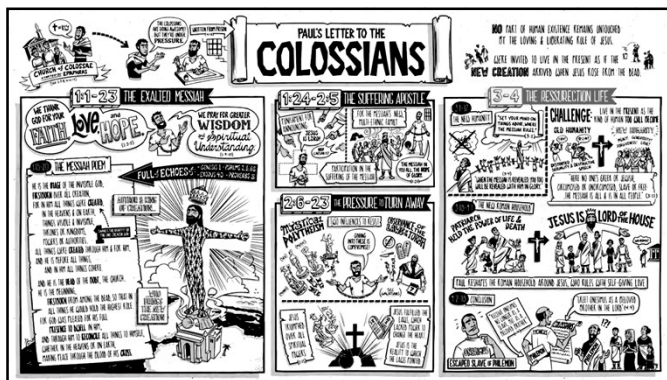


NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST

The Book of Colossians

THE PEACE, WORD, AND NAME OF CHRIST
(COLOSSIANS 3:15-17)

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INTRODUCTION

- Last week's text (3:12-14) is a tall order
- How in this (fallen) world are we to do this?
- Thankfully, we aren't left to our own resources or efforts
- Paul gives us the crucial means by which we are to live this resurrected-life together...and it all has to do with Jesus

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THE PEACE OF CHRIST (15)

And let the **peace of Christ** *rule* in your *hearts*,
to which [peace] indeed you were called *in one body*.
And *be thankful*.

4

THE WORD OF CHRIST (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.

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THE NAME OF CHRIST (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.

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RESPONSE

- The entire passage as temple/worship language
- Life Together is not up to our own resources and attempts
 - The rule of peace, dwelling of word, and Name of Christ are the **fountainhead** from which we draw power to love one another as brothers and sisters in God’s family
- Thus, our need to cultivate a **holy obsession** with the person and work of Jesus our Lord
 - Gratitude** is profoundly important in this Life Together
- A distinction between living by “Christian principles” and living by **the new life of Christ in us**
