

**THE KINGDOM OF THE BELOVED SON:
LIFE UNDER THE REIGN OF JESUS CHRIST**

Topics:

1. Our Cosmic Deliverance: Where the Christian Life Begins (Col 1:13-14)
2. Christ is All, and in All: Our Identity in the Kingdom (Col 3:11)
3. The Society of Jesus: Our Church in the Kingdom (Col 3:12-17)
- 4. *In Nomine Christi*: Our Conduct in the Kingdom (Col 3:17)**
5. The Dream Home: Our Families in the Kingdom (Col 3:18-21)
6. The Heaven-Bound Heart: The Quest for the Kingdom (Col 3:1-4)

IN NOMINE CHRISTI: OUR CONDUCT IN THE KINGDOM

- I. Commissioned to Speak and Act in His Name**
- II. Colossians 3:17: Do All in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ**
 - A. “And” (Col 3:12-16)
 - B. “Whatever You Do, in Word or Deed”
 - C. “Do Everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus”
 1. Everything we do must please Jesus
 2. Everything we do must reveal Jesus
 - D. “Giving Thanks to God the Father through Him.”
- III. Speaking and Doing in the Name of Jesus**
 - A. We Must Speak and Do with the Approval of our Lord Jesus
 1. Speech
 - a. Fair speech, not slander (3:8)
 - b. Dignified speech, not obscene talk (3:8)
 - c. Truthful speech, not lies (3:9)
 2. Deeds
 - a. Mortification/killing of sin (3:5)
 - b. Mercy (3:12)
 - c. Bearing with one another (3:13)
 - d. Forgiving one another (3:13)
 - e. Loving one another (3:14)
 - B. We Must Speak and Work to Reveal our Lord Jesus
 1. Jesus is revealed in our good works
 2. But we must also speak for Jesus. We must explain Jesus
 3. If we do not explain Jesus,
 - a. People will not know why we do what we do
 - b. People will not know the Savior (Rom 10:14)

Embracing God's Word: "Since I am in the kingdom of God's beloved Son, in which Christ is all and in all, I am now a bearer of the holy and royal name of my Lord Jesus Christ. In light of this fact, I now resolve to conduct myself in the name of the Lord Jesus. I resolve to bring all my speech under the name of the Lord Jesus. I will speak only what is constructive, fair, dignified, and true. I resolve to bring all my actions under the name of the Lord Jesus. I will behave, at all times and in all situations, in ways that nurture what is good. Above all, I resolve to speak and to act for the purpose of revealing the Lord Jesus Christ. In all things, I will strive to make known the Lord whose name I bear."

Questions for further discussion:

1. What effects do the phrases "And whatever you do" and "in word or deed" have on the presentation of the command in 3:17?
2. What does it mean to do all things in Jesus' name?
3. What are two implications that flow from the command to do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus?
4. What kinds of speech please Jesus?
5. Based on a reading of Col 3:5-17, the deeds that please Jesus are those that kill sin and nurture all that is good. What jobs, entertainment, or forms of recreation are supported or excluded by this principle?
6. How are we to conduct ourselves in such a way that Jesus is revealed?
7. Can your colleagues tell from how you work and play that Jesus Christ is your Savior and Lord? If not, why?
8. "I don't like to preach at people. I would rather they see my good works and ask me about my faith." Discuss.