

Jesus is Our Pattern, Power and Passion

Colossians 3:1-17

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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Children's Sermon: The What & How

Ephesians 5:1–2 (Pattern)

¹ *Therefore* be **imitators of God**, as beloved children.

² And walk in love, **as Christ loved us** and *gave himself up for us*, a **fragrant offering** and **sacrifice to God**.

Ephesians 4:15b–16 (Power)

...*we are to grow up in every way into him* who is the head, *into Christ*, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Key Idea *Jesus is our pattern and our power!*

B. With Christ...

Colossians 2:20-23

²⁰ If **with Christ you died** to the *elemental spirits of the world*, why, as if you were still alive in the world, **are you being obligated to regulations**—²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²² (referring to things that all perish as they **are** used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ These **have** an appearance of wisdom in promoting *self-made religion* and *asceticism* and *severity to the body*, **but** they are of no value in stopping ***the indulgence of the flesh***.

Colossians 3:1

¹ If then **you have been raised with Christ**...

Key Idea

Jesus is our pattern, power and our passion.

II. Set Your Minds on Jesus Your Life

A. Jesus is Our Passion!

Colossians 3:1-4

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, **seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated** at the right hand of God. ² **Set your minds** (*be intent on, keep thinking about*) on **things that are above, not on things that are on earth**. ³ For you have died, and your life is **being hidden with Christ in God**.

⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also **will appear with him in glory**.

B. Jesus is Our Identity

Colossians 3:5, 9-11

⁵ **Put to death** therefore what is *earthly* in you...

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 his creator**.

[¹¹ Where **there is not** Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free;] **but Christ is all, and in all**.

Ephesians 4:20–24

²⁰ ...that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as *the truth is in Jesus*, ²² **to put off** your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through *deceitful desires*, ²³ and **to be renewed in the spirit of your minds**, ²⁴ and **to put on** the new self, *created after the likeness of God* in true righteousness and holiness.

Key Idea

Jesus is our pattern, power and passion. Since our lives have been hidden away with Him let us pursue Christ & Christ-likeness by knowing Him.

III. Application: Getting Christ in Us

Colossians 2:6–7 (Cf. 2 Peter 1:3-4)

⁶ Therefore, *as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,* ⁷ rooted and built up in him and *established in the faith*, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

- A. The Character of Jesus (Col. 3:12ff. **Put on** then...)
- B. Christ *in Our Hearts*
 - 1. The Peace of Christ Rule...

Colossians 3:15

¹⁵ And **let the peace of Christ rule** *in your hearts*,¹ to which indeed you were called *in one body*. And **be thankful**.

- 2. The Word of Jesus Dwell...

Colossians 3:16

¹⁶ **Let the word of Christ dwell** in you **richly**,² in all wisdom, *teaching* and *admonishing* one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, *with thankfulness* [gratefulness, lit. grace] *in your hearts to God*.³

- C. Doing All In the Name of Jesus

Colossians 3:17

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*.

¹ “Paul is saying that **the peace** that characterizes the “new self” should be a ruling principle or virtue in our innermost being and that it should affect all our relationships...” – **Moo, Douglas J.** (2008-08-25). *The Letters to the Colossians and to Philemon* (Pillar New Testament Commentary) (Kindle Locations 5276-5277). Eerdmans Publishing Co - A. Kindle Edition.

² “**‘Richly’** suggests that this constant reference to the word of Christ should not be superficial or passing but that it should be a deep and penetrating contemplation that enables the message to have transforming power in the life of the community.” – **Ibid.** (Kindle Locations 5333-5335).

³ “Paul wants the community to **teach and admonish** each other by means of various kinds of songs, and he wants them to do this singing to God with hearts full of gratitude.” – **Ibid.** (Kindle Locations 5358-5360).

1 Samuel 17:45

Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you *in the name of the Lord of hosts*, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

Ephesians 5:1–2

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Key Idea

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Living for Jesus a life that is true,
Striving to please Him in all that I do;
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

Living for Jesus who died in my place,
Bearing on Calv'ry my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer His call,
Follow His leading and give Him my all.

Living for Jesus wherever I am,
Doing each duty in His holy name;
Willing to suffer affliction and loss,
Deeming each trial a part of my cross.

Living for Jesus through earth's little while,
My dearest treasure, the light of His smile;
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him.

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou, in Thy atonement, Didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, My heart shall be Thy throne,
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.*