



## Colossians 3:1-17 / Reasons To Give Thanks

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### **“Easy” warm-up questions (choose one)**

1. This past week, what have you seen God doing around you?
2. These days, what is God teaching you about Himself?

### **“If then you have been raised with Christ...” 3:1-4**

1. What does Paul tell the Colossian believers to do?
2. How is this (answer to #1) possible?
3. In verses 1 to 4, what stands out as being meaningful to you personally? Why?
4. These days, how does your answer to #3 effect the way you do life?
5. What in Paul’s teaching (verses 1 to 4) can you personally give thanks to God for?

### **“Put to death therefore...” 3:5-11**

1. What does Paul tell the Colossians to “*put to death*”? What does he mean by “*put to death*”?
2. How is it possible for us to put these things to death?
3. How is putting these things to death a part of our conversion and repentance?
4. These days, what does being able to put these things to death look like for you personally?
5. What in Paul’s teaching (verses 5 to 11) can you personally give thanks to God for?

### **“Put on then...” 3:12-14**

1. What does Paul tell the Colossians to “*put on then*”? What does he mean by “*put on then*”?
2. How is it possible for us to put on then these things?
3. How is putting on these things a part of our conversion and repentance?
4. These days, what does being able to put on these things look like for you personally?
5. What in Paul’s teaching (verses 12-14) can you personally give thanks to God for?

### **“And let the peace of Christ rule...” 3:15-17**

1. How is the “*peace of Christ*” related to Paul’s instruction to “*be thankful*”?
2. How is letting “*the word of Christ dwell in you richly*” related to Paul’s instruction to “*be thankful*”?
3. How does all of this (answers to #'s 1 & 2) relate to Paul’s instruction in verse 17 to give “*thanks to God the Father through Him*” (Jesus)?
4. What in Paul’s teaching (verses 15 to 17) can you personally give thanks to God for?

### **Processing all that...**

1. Think back as a group to what you’ve shared and take time as a group to pray and praise and thank God for all that He has done for you - especially those realities that Paul has focused on in this teaching.
2. Moving forward (i.e. “*It’s Sunday and Monday is coming.*”), what will you do to keep in mind the truths shared in this teaching and to remain thankful?