

Colossians 3:12-17

Because you belong to God,

Put on the virtues of love,

Being compelled by the peace you have in Christ,

Dwelling in Christ's words,

Doing all things to glorify God,

All with a heart of thankfulness.

Questions:

1. What was confusing, convicting, or encouraging from this study of Scripture?
2. Read Mark 12:28-31, How does Paul's argument fit into the two great commandments? Which of the two great commandments is Paul emphasizing in verses 12-14? What about verses 15-17?
3. What are Paul's motivations for instructing us to put on love verse 12? Which one is most compelling to you?
4. Verse 13 commands us to forgive one another as God has forgiven us. Read Matthew 18:21-35, how should God's forgiveness of us motivate our forgiveness of others? How should we view our sins against God compared to someone's sin against us?
5. Looking at verse 15, what would our church community look like if we let Christ's forgiveness compel how we act toward one another?
6. Based on verse 16, singing biblically and theologically rich songs together helps us teach and admonish one another in the Scripture. How should this change how we view our singing together?
7. Can every responsibility we have in life be done as an act of worship (verse 17)? Does this change how we view mundane tasks like folding laundry? How can washing dishes be done as an act of worship?
8. Verses 15-17 emphasize the importance of giving thanks to God. How is thanksgiving tied to worship? How does thankfulness show whether or not Jesus is Lord or something else is lord in our hearts?
9. By God's grace, what needs to change in your life based on this study of Colossians 3:12-17?