

The Book of Colossians, Part 5

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Opening Summary

The Bible is the instruction manual for healthy marriages. This study covers Colossians 3:12-19, emphasizing the importance of Christian fellowship and godly marriages. In the place of loneliness, God has given you the ability to have healthy relationships. For when you go to church to offer genuine affection to your fellow-Christian brothers and sisters, your life becomes fulfilled by God's supernatural power.

- I. Col. 3:12: Christians should be this way toward others. *Elect* means *chosen and favored*. *Bowels* means *inward affection*. *Longsuffering* is *patience*.
 - A. Col. 3:13: *Forbearing* means to *put up with*.
 1. Put up with your brothers and sisters.
 2. Forgive others because Christ forgave you.
 - B. Col. 3:14: *Charity* (Gk.: agape) means *love* (1 Cor. 13:4-8).
 1. We love others because "people are something else." That's me and you.
 2. *Bond* (Gk.: sundesmos) means *ligament*. The church isn't complete without love.
 - C. Col. 3:15: *Peace* (Gk.: brabeuo) means *quietness, prosperity and rest*. You cannot have God's peace if you don't do Col. 3:12-14.
 1. Follow God's peace when making big decisions like which house to buy.
 2. God doesn't speak to you in a loud voice. Mostly, it's through peace.
 - D. Col. 3:16: *Admonishing* means *warn*. It says to warn one another.
 1. Going to church is not about "you" first. You go to church to give to others.
 2. The local church is a place for fellowship with one another.
 3. *Testimony*: We've been invited to hold weekly Bible studies at a large naval station. The door is open to minister to every branch of the military. Every year 40k service members go through that station. We can take whatever material we have, and even take them to church if they want to attend. To conduct Bible studies there, our staff had to be trained according to their standard. In the training, we learned that 22 service members commit suicide every day. It's because they're lonely. *People need fellowship*.
 - E. Col. 3:16: *Spiritual* means *supernatural*. It is speaking by the Spirit.
 1. The Holy Ghost gives supernatural songs that will admonish you at times or give information at other times.
 2. *Grace* (Gk.: charis): There are at least 17 iterations of the word grace.
 - F. Col. 3:17: Whatever you do or say, do it with Jesus' authority.

- II. Col. 3:18: A wife must submit to her own husband.
 - A. In the early days of WOF, people in the congregation spoke against the way my wife dressed, etc. I told them that she is my wife, and to shut up or leave.
 - B. A woman is not required to do that which is against Scripture.

- III. Col. 3:19: For a husband to love his wife, he must forgive, be humble, be patient, etc.
 - A. Eph. 5:20-21: Husbands and wives are to submit to one another.
 - B. Eph. 5:22-24: *In my opinion*, women seem to have a sixth sense that men don't have. However, when women must tell their husbands something, use wisdom.
 - C. Eph. 5:25: How does Christ love the church? He forgives the church, feeds, helps, develops, works with us, builds us up and does not tear us down.
 - 1. A wise man builds up his woman.
 - 2. A wise man takes time to understand his wife.
 - D. Newly married couples must realize men and women are different. They are different mentally, physically and emotionally. Women must explain certain things to their husband and the men must listen to their wife.
 - E. Eph. 5:25-27: The husband's mission is to make sure his wife is blessed first.

- IV. My wife and I have been married for 47 years. The best times of our lives has been since we reached our 60's. It is wonderful. We now accept each other the way we are.

- V. A single person shouldn't marry until you've settled these things for yourself. Find out who you are, what you need, what you will give. Don't get married to solve a problem. If you do, you'll create more problems. There's not much worse than a bad marriage.
 - A. Man is a tri-part being. A Christian should marry a Christian. The Word must settle all arguments.
 - B. Physically: Make sure you are who you are and you're trying to improve.
 - C. Financially: You both must have the same mindset on finances.
 - D. You cannot expect God to give you something you are not:
 - 1. You want a smart man, physically fit, etc., then you should be that, as well.
 - 2. You want a woman in great shape, etc. then keep yourself in great shape.

- VI. *Prayer for married couples*: We pray that God's wisdom lives big in you; that you are healthy mentally, physically, psychologically and spiritually. If one is unsaved, we pray that their eyes open and they see clearly that Jesus is Lord. We ask You, Lord, to give them a financial plan to work together so they will be blessed going in and blessed going out. We pray that in the authority of Jesus and by His blood. Amen.

Closing Summary

Take that prayer to heart as you endeavor to have peace in your marriage, other relationships and in your finances. You have seen that the Bible is the instruction manual for healthy relationships. And healthy relationships are the answer to loneliness. As you attend church and walk in the love of God by faith, His power brings about supernatural fulfillment in your life.