

Colossians: Together, Part 2

Colossians 3:12-17

A cultural lie:

Life in Christ is private,
so I can do as I please.

The biblical truth:

Life in Christ is corporate.

Living in community

Colossians 3:12

Characteristics of Christian behavior

Colossians 3:13; John 13:34-35

How do we live out these characteristics?

Colossians 3:15-17

Considerations for the week

Consider the implications of the cultural lie and the biblical truth.

Concerning the characteristics of Christian behavior: How is each characteristic present in society and how is each present among believers? Contrast the way that the concepts are viewed in society with how they are known within Christian fellowship.

Verse 14 tells us that love binds together all the virtues listed in verse 12. How?

Which characteristics are most problematic for us as we relate to one another?

The peace of Christ in His church is sometimes disrupted. Consider a specific time when this happened unnecessarily. What could have been done differently?

This passage challenges us to implant Christ's teachings in our hearts and thereby govern our thoughts. How does the indwelling of the Word of Christ come about, and how can we cultivate and encourage it?

Bring to mind some among us who have exemplified one of these characteristics. Purpose now to express your thanks to them for their faithful service to God.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



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.

– Colossians 3:17, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

Matthew 6:1-4

Psalms 96:2b

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Rice Temple Baptist Church

Today's order of service

Prelude

Call to Worship

Greeting one another

Hymn, *Worship!*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Shout to the Lord*

Hymn, *He Leadeth Me*

Offertory

Reading

Special music, *Peace*

Message

Hymn of response, *Give Me Jesus*

Benediction

Postlude

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: beef taco
salad, fruit, dessert, ice cream

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells
Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am
Meets next week, May 17

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

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Our website is at
<https://rtbc.faith>

Templegram Our weekly newsletter is provided to us by email, usually on Tuesday. If you'd like to receive it, please email us at office@rtbchurch.org.

Summer Kick-Off Party Lots of fun food and things for the kids to have a great time. Friday, May 30, at 6 pm.

Clothing Drive benefitting CCSC, now through May 18

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