

Sunday, June 27, 2021—Colossians 3:15 Let The Peace of God Rule

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- **And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.**

- **And let the peace of God rule in your hearts**—this first phrase of verse 15 is yet another imperative command. In fact, there are two such commands in verse 15. The final expression “be ye thankful” is also in the imperative mood.
 - Col. 3:1—“seek those things were are above”
 - Col. 3:2—“set your affection on things above”
 - Col. 3:5—“mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth”
 - Col. 3:8—“put off all these”
 - Anger
 - Wrath
 - Malice
 - Blasphemy
 - Filthy communication out of your mouth
 - Col. 3:9—“lie not one to another”
 - Col. 3:12—“put on therefore as the elect of God”
 - Bowels of Mercies (v. 12)
 - Kindness (v. 12)
 - Humbleness of Mind (v. 12)
 - Meekness (v. 12)
 - Longsuffering (v. 12)
 - Forbearing one another (v. 13)

- Forgiving one another (v. 13)
 - Charity (v. 14)
- Col. 3:15—“let the peace of God rule in your hearts”
- Col. 3:15—“be ye thankful”
- Letting the “peace of God rule” in our hearts of completely a matter of choice for the believer. We have a choice regarding what we let rule our hearts and it is completely contingent on our minds and what we think about.
- Galatians 5:22—peace is once again another fruit of the Spirit. Consider how many of the fruit of the Spirit have been mentioned in Colossians 3 in connection with putting on the “new man.”
 - Walking in the new man is synonymous with walking after the Spirit.
- As believers we need to understand the difference between “peace with God” and the “peace of God.”
 - Romans 5:1—as believers we have peace “with God” on account of our justification.
 - Romans 5:10—we are no longer God’s enemies. Where there used to be enmity and hostility there is now peace on the basis of the cross work of Jesus Christ.
 - Romans 15:13—the God of peace wants to fill us with all joy and peace in believing.
 - Philippians 4:6-7—the “peace of God” is capable of keeping your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
 - Carefulness and anxiety rob believers of the “peace of God.” Prayer is the instrumentality through which believers can “let the peace of God rule” in their hearts.
 - Philippians 4:8-9—choosing to “let the peace of God rule” in your heart is also directly related to what you allow your mind to dwell on. Your emotions are dumb and respond to what you think about.
 - Romans 12:1-2
 - II Corinthians 10:4-5

- **to the which also ye are called in one body**—as a member of the body Christ you were called to let the peace of God rule in your heart.
 - Ephesians 2:13-18—as members of the body of Christ we are called in one body to live in peace.
 - Ephesians 4:3
 - Peaceful relations among the saints should be a characteristic of the local church and the greater body of Christ.

- **and be ye thankful**—again this statement is an imperative command. Believers are to be characterized by a heart of gratitude and thanksgiving.
 - Colossians 1:12
 - Colossians 2:7
 - Romans 1:21
 - Philippians 4:6
 - I Thessalonians 5:18—God’s will for believers to give thanks in “every thing.”
 - I Timothy 2:1-2