

Colossians



3:12-17

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Who you are, fundamentally, is defined by your relationship to God.



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- both unbeliever & believer can act for themselves
- both unbeliever & believer can act for others
- only the believer can act for God's glory



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 - b) v. 15,16,17 – giving thanks to God



II. Self is Last

- the virtues of vv. 12-14 are all what I do for others
- do your actions lead people back to God?



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Are we doing at home what can be so easy
to do briefly abroad?



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What you practice regularly in the church,
you will live daily in the world.



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Your ability to forgive is related to understanding your forgiveness in Christ.



III. Jesus is Supreme

- v. 15, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts”
 - ↳ this is the peace Jesus died to give the church
- v. 16, “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”

