

Thoughts for Personal & Family Worship

Text: Colossians 3:15-17

1. Is your life ruled by the peace of Christ? If not, what is preventing Christ's peace from ruling your life? Be specific. How can you better submit your life to the rule of Christ's peace?
2. Verses 15-17 assume participation in the community of faith (the church). What is the basis for our teaching, admonishing, and singing to one another (hint: look at v. 16a)? Why is having the right basis in our worship important?
3. Is your life characterized by thankfulness? What are some specific ways you can express greater gratitude to God for his grace in your life?

Apply it to life: Identify a time in which you lacked Christ's peace. What caused it and how was it (or was it) resolved? Ask God to open your eyes to the wonder of his grace so that you will respond in thankfulness.

Pray about it: Repent of ungratefulness and stubbornness to live in a way that pleases yourself instead of Christ. Look to Jesus for grace and forgiveness and rely on the ministry of the Holy Spirit to enable you to walk in peace and thankfulness.

Meditate on it: Philippians 4:5-9

"The Life of the Ordinary Christian, part 2"

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Big Idea: As new creations in Christ we must live Christ-centered lives of gratitude to God.

- I. Our Lives Must Be Characterized by the Peace of Christ (v. 15)
- II. Our Lives Must Be Characterized by the Word of Christ (v. 16)
- III. Our Lives Must Be Characterized by Thankfulness to God (vv. 15, 16, 17)

Applications: