

Established- Peace leads the way.

Sermon Notes

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Review:

- Setting our hearts and minds on Christ. **Colossians 3:1**
- Taking off the baggage of the old. **Colossians 3:5-11**
- Putting on a whole new wardrobe. **Colossians 3:12-14**

When your heart gets provoked to go backwards in your relationships with others, where do you appeal?

Read **Colossians 3:12-15**

(peace of Christ)

No ordinary peace is needed—we need Christ’s peace to reconcile broken relational situations. (*severed vs. still in play*)

- Jesus is the source of peace we need.

John 14:27 *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

- Jesus’ family is identified by righteousness, joy, and peace by the work of the Holy Spirit in and among us.

Romans 14:17 *“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit...”*

- Our family unity is held together by the peace of Christ—the glue we need.

Ephesians 4:3 *“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”*

- The church will grow when Christ’s peace leads the way.

Acts 9:31 *“Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.”*

(rule)

His peace must “decide every debate” for peace to be brought to a broken relational situation. BKC

- For Jesus’ peace to rule over a situation you must yield the path of engagement to His way of responding.
- His desired outcome for true peace must become your desired outcome.
- Your imposed loopholes (*my rights, going rogue on peace saying that’s just me*) will only create at best temporary peace and most likely growing the conflict.

WHY? *“...since we are members of **one body** you were called to peace...”(15)
“...as God’s chosen people...clothe yourselves...” (12)*

We should not only identify as child of God but also as a member of His family.

Romans 12:3-5 *“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”*

- We need to have a humble and modest mind in valuating yourself.
- Each of us have a role within this family.
- We belong to each other!

WHY? *“...since we are members of one body you were **called to peace**...”(15)*

Jesus’ vision for His chosen people, His family, is for us to be in unity—it is our calling.

John 17:20-21 *“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in*

me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

- Jesus is growing His family through the testimony of His work in His family.
- Our unity testifies to Him.
- Unity can only come by the hard work of making peace with one another by His Spirit.

A spirit of being thankful will keep us mindful of His work in us and through us.

- Backsliding in our relationships is averted by being thankful.
- A thankful heart resists greed and self-centeredness which are the seeds to tension in relationships.

Take aways:

1. How do I typically address broken relationships?
2. Who is setting the rules for how you respond and what you aim to achieve in your relationships—you or Christ?
3. Who do I need Christ’s help with the most in bringing peace to broken situation?