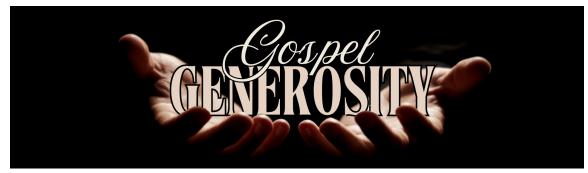
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## Series: Gospel Generosity Scripture: Colossians 3

**2025 Theme Scripture: Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

**January Scripture Memory: Colossians 3:3-4 (ESV)** *3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 <u>When Christ who is your life</u> appears, then you also will appear with <i>him in glory.* 

1. Jesus is LIFE! (vs. 1-11)

Truths for all who are in Christ:

We all were dead in our sin. (Eph. 2:1)

• God sent Jesus to die for our sin and raise Him from the dead to give us eternal life.

Jesus came to give us LIFE. (v. 4, John 3:16)

- When we trust in Christ, we are raised with Christ. (v. 1)
- We die to self and sin. (Gal. 2:20)
- Our life is hidden with Christ in GOD. (v. 3)

Jesus is coming again in GLORY and will bring us with Him. (v. 4)

- Because we are hidden with Christ, we will also appear with Him in glory.
- 2. Since Jesus is life and Cl, then discard the death clothes and generously put on the clothes God gave you when He gave you life. (vs. 12-14)
  - 1) Compassionate hearts (mercies)
  - 2) Kindness (Ephesians 2:4-7)
  - 3) Humility (Romans 12:3)
  - 4) Meekness
  - 5) Long-Suffering/Patience
  - 6) Forbearance
  - 7) Forgiveness (according to the measure it has been given by God)
  - 8) Love





- 3. Let the peace of God rule your heart into gratitude (v. 15) and let the Word of God lavishly live your daily life. (v. 16) (vs. 15-17)
  - a. Make yourself at home in the Word.
  - b. Get to know the home of the Word. (Explore Teaching)
  - c. Get to know the people living in the Word. (Admonishing one another in wisdom)
  - d. Sing truth to yourself, to one another, and together. Singing Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs.
  - e. Make gratitude the attitude of your heart.

A successful Christian life involves attention to three books:

- God's Book the Bible
- Your Pocketbook What do you give to God?
- Your Songbook What are the songs of your life?
- Your people book (What people are in your life/speak into your life?)
- 4. Joyfully follow God's instructions in every relationship and role of life. (Col. 3:18-4:1)
  - a. Husbands and wives
  - b. Children and Parents
  - c. Employee and employer
  - d. Work, studies, and recreation
  - e. Servant and steward (1 Cor. 4:1-2)