

# “Peace, prayer, and knowing Jesus” Col 3:15

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As we engage in prayer, we can come to know Jesus better, which leads to peace. It’s an upward spiral.

- Prayer is a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, and it requires a proper \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must put forth \_\_\_\_\_.
- All of the Christian life is an \_\_\_\_\_ in faith.
- Faith is an \_\_\_\_\_!
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a gift. (*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ep. 2:8-9*)

## The Peace of Christ

My Jesus – Your Jesus (Col. 3:1-17)

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1. Seek things that are \_\_\_\_\_ (1-4)

- You must be “\_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.” (1a)  
Sin makes everyone spiritually dead! (c.f. Rom . 3:23)  
Salvation brings new life!

Since you have been raised:

- Seek things above where Christ is (heaven) (1b)
  - Set your mind on those things (2a)
  - Don’t be distracted by things on earth (bad or good) (2b)
- You have \_\_\_\_\_ and...  
your life is “\_\_\_\_\_ with Christ in God” (3-4)
    - “Hidden” translated from *krupto* meaning... “to hide, escape notice, to conceal that it may not become known”

- \_\_\_\_\_ is your life
- The \_\_\_\_\_ does not know Christ and thus cannot understand those who follow Him.

2. Turn from your past sins (5-9)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (cut off, make survival impossible for) the earthly desires you may have, which are the cause of God's wrath on the world (5-7)

Representative list of \_\_\_\_\_ sins:

- Sexual immorality
- Impurity
- Passion
- Evil desire
- Covetousness (= idolatry)

- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ the old ways of life (8-9)

Representative list of \_\_\_\_\_ sins:

- Anger
- Wrath
- Malice
- Slander
- Obscene talk
- And don't lie to one another!

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the character of the new man that is raised with Christ (10-17)

- 1) "Put on the new \_\_\_\_\_" (10-14)

- Compassionate hearts
- Kindness
- Humility
- Meekness
- Patience
- Bearing with one another
- Forgiving each other (as God forgave us)
- Love, which holds them all together

- 2) Give Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ charge over your heart (15)

- This peace results in church functioning in unified harmony

- 3) Give Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ preeminence in your life (16)
- Let it dwell in you... \_\_\_\_\_!
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ each other
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ psalms, hymns, spiritual songs out of thankful hearts
- 4) Do \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus' name giving God thanks (17)

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➤ You have **died** and...

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