



**Bible Study Guide**  
**Sunday, December 30, 2018**

## **Sing a New Song**

**Sermon Text:** Psalm 33

**Study Texts:** Colossians 3:16-17

### **Sermon Recap:**

Psalm 33 is a hymn of praise. It opens with a declaration that a genuine knowledge of the LORD prompts His people to worship Him. The Psalmist gives three separate reasons for us to praise and worship God. One, God's Word is upright, true, and powerful. Two, God's will will prevail, for He is the Creator, Sustainer, and Sovereign King over all. And three, God sees everything at all times, for He is sitting enthroned high above the earth observing all the deeds of mankind. With these attributes in mind, the Psalm closes with a call for God's people to praise the LORD through song. As believers, our hearts should overflow with praise because of Who the LORD is and what He has done for us.

### **Sermon Connection:**

Colossians 3:16-17 is a passage that urges believers to act as a result of their salvation. It teaches that the joy and thanksgiving brought about by salvation will influence the way in which we live, specifically when we are in the midst of our fellow believers. It calls upon believers to praise and give thanks to the LORD, teach and admonish one another in Christ, and live the entirety of our lives for the glory of God. It echoes the worshipful aspect of Psalm 33 by urging believers to praise God in all that they do.

### **Lesson Plan**

#### **Lesson Goal:**

To see that the putting on of Christ will drastically influence our desire to worship God and shape the way that we live with fellow believers

#### **Lesson Points:**

**Point 1: The Putting on of Christ Should Influence How We Teach, Admonish, and Sing with One Another.** (v. 16)

**Point 2: The Putting on of Christ Should Influence Everything We Do with One Another.** (v. 17)

### **The Context:**

Colossians 3 highlights what it looks like for believers to *put on* the “new self” in Christ Jesus. This passage falls in the midst of Paul’s warnings and encouragements for the people of Colossae. By giving a list of vices and virtues, Paul’s goal is to teach his readers what it looks like to live as a follower of Christ. In verses 5-11 of chapter 3, Paul teaches his readers that following Jesus means abstaining from the sins within the world. In verses 12-17, Paul shifts his teaching and begins to teach his readers that Christians should seek to put on godly character and act in a godly manner toward one another in all that they do.

### **Opening Question:**

How are salvation and worship connected? What should our worship look like?

### **Point 1: The Putting on of Christ Should Influence How We Teach, Admonish, and Sing with One Another. (v. 16)**

- What does “*the word of Christ*” refer to in verse 16? And, as believers, what does it mean to let this word dwell in us richly? See also Psalm 119:11.
- How can we regularly teach our fellow brothers and sisters the word of Christ?
- Why are we commanded to admonish one another? Why do many people find it difficult to admonish one another? See also 2 Tim. 3:16.
- What is the purpose of “*singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs*” to one another? And how is this tied to “*letting the word of Christ dwell in you richly*”?
- One crucial piece to faithful worship is our heart. What does it mean to “give thanks in our hearts” when we are worshipping the Father?
- How can we ensure that our worship, both in word and song, remains true and Christ-centered?

### **Point 2: The Putting on of Christ Should Influence Everything We Do with One Another. (v. 17)**

- While Christians should seek to individually live for the glory of God, Colossians 3 speaks to how we, as a group of believers, should live for the glory of God collectively. How are these two things different? How are they the same?
- What does it look like for our Growth Group to do everything in the name of the Lord?
- What does it mean to “*give thanks to God the Father through Him*”?

### **The Big Picture**

As Christians, we have recognized the significance of who God is and what He has done for us. We know that we were dead in our sins and separated from the Father. But

through the love and life of Christ, we have been reconciled to God. This naturally produces a response of worship within us. Our heart overflows with gratitude toward God, for we, like the psalmist in Psalm 33 are overwhelmed with the love and grace of God. Additionally, this gratitude should birth a desire within us to will push our fellow brothers and sisters toward godliness. This is to be done by teaching, admonishing, singing, and ultimately, by doing everything as a group of believers in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Christ.

### **Application Questions**

- Has our Growth Group taken the job teaching and admonishing one another seriously? How and how not?
- Is it evident within our Growth Group that our hearts are overflowing with praise for the Father? Why or why not?
- How have I failed to view my time of worship through song as a time to both praise God and edify others?
- Where does our Growth Group fail to act in the name of the Lord?
- Am I teaching my family that a love for the Lord will result in an overflowing heart of praise and gratitude? If not, how am I failing to do it?