THANK(FULL)

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Message Title: Thank Full

Message Text: Colossians 3:15-17

Introduction

Salvation is the miracle of a moment and discipleship is the process of a lifetime. The day we began following Jesus, we started on a wonderful journey of being changed into the image of Christ. It is a daily, moment by moment process of putting of the old man (the way we used to live) and putting on the new man (the way Christ calls us to live). The Apostle Paul calls the believers in the church at Colossae to this kind of living with a very direct application to be full of thanks in both their assemblies and in their every day activities. In a day when gratitude is not popular, may we as followers of Christ receive this encouragement and live it out sincerely.

PUT ON

Mercy

Kindness

Humbleness

Meekness

Longsuffering

Forbearing OneAnother

Forgiving
One Another

Charity

1. A Heart Ruled by _____ (15a)

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts...

DEFINITION—PEACE: tranquility; the absence of mental stress or anxiety (refers to wholeness or the absence of conflict in a relationship.—FSB)

PEACE OF GOD — PEACE WITH GOD

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

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Isaiah 48:22 There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.

Romans 5:8–11 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

NOTE — We cannot know the 'Peace of God' until we have 'Peace with God'

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith...

DEFINITION—LET RULE: to factor decisively; to be the factor determining an outcome (as if arbitrating).

Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

2. An Assembly Regulated by	(15b)
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Colossians 3:15to the which also ye are called in one body
TO THE WHICH —
DEFINITION—CALLED: to be summoned; an authoritative demand for one's

ONE BODY — the Church; the body of Christ

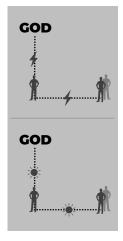
presence or participation.

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

QUOTE: If a believer is out of fellowship with another believer, it is because one or both of them have gotten out of fellowship with God. —Weirsbe

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!



3.	Α	Life		with

Thanksgiving (15c-17)

Colossians 3:15 ...and be ye thankful.

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DEFINITION—THANKFUL: grateful; showing (and expressing) a feeling of thankfulness and appreciation. {*Only here in the NT*}

THANKFUL —

IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH (16)

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

DEFINITION—GRACE: thanks; an acknowledgment of appreciation (to a divinity).

IN OUR ACTIVITIES OF LIFE (17)

Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

QUOTE: Gratitude is a safeguard against grumbling and complaining, both of which can ruin a community. —Barry

Conclusion

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

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