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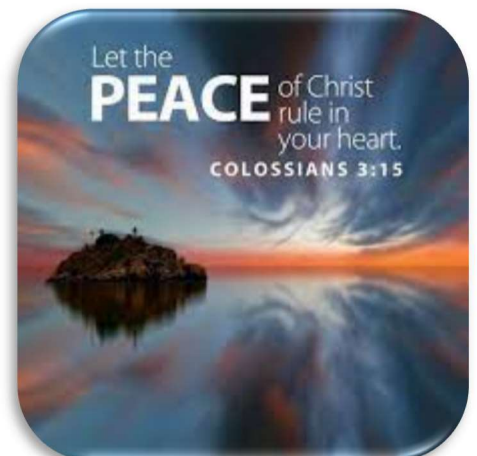
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Our God

"...If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Jonas Myrin, and Matt Redman

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer
Awesome in power
Our God, Our God

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Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God

And if Our God is for us, then who
could ever stop us?

And if Our God is with us, then what
can stand against?

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Because of Your Love

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" 1 Jn. 3:1

Paul Baloche, Brenton Brown

Because of Your love
We're forgiven
Because of Your love
Our hearts are clean
We lift You up
With songs of freedom
Forever we're changed
Because of Your love

As we come into Your presence
We remember every blessing
That You've poured out so freely
from above

Lifting gratitude and praises
For compassion so amazing
Lord, we've come to give You thanks
for all You've done

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Colossians 3:15-17 — English Standard Version (ESV)

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Word of God

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" John 1:1,14

Andi Rozier and Brenton Brown

The Word of God is light in my darkness
Hope for the hopeless, strong and true
The Word of God is strength for the
weary
A shield for those who trust in You
A shield for those who trust in You

Everything will fade, everything will
fade
The heavens and the earth will pass
away
But You will remain, yes, You will
remain always

Jesus, faithful Word of God
The anchor of my heart
You're everything You say You are
Greater than my deepest needs
The ground beneath my feet
Your promises won't fail me now

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Great is Thy Faithfulness #43

*"The Lord's...compassions never fail. They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness" Lam. 3:22-23*

Thomas Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hands hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hands hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth; Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

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Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hands hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Offering: Ancient Words

*"Blessed are those who keep His statutes and seek Him
with all their heart" Psalm 119:2*

Lynn DeShazo

Holy words, long preserved
For our walk, in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart

Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words, ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart

Holy words, of our faith
Handed down, to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ

Holy words, long preserved
For our walk, in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart

Ancient words, ever true
Changing me and changing you
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Colossians

Christ is Everything

Colossians 3:15-17

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The Big Idea

In Christ, we have been brought together into a new family, a thankful church.

1. Love for God should result in peaceful relationships with other believers. (15)
2. Our family gatherings are to be centered around the Word. (16)
3. Our family practices should draw attention to Christ. (17)

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[15] And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

The call for the new life in Christ to be patterned after Christ is not just for individuals but the church as a whole. Our calling to salvation includes a call to live in community with other believers. In Eph. 4:1-6, we see:

[1] I... urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [4] There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope of your calling—[5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism, [6] one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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The loving community should be united (v.14) and committed to Christ's rule as the Head of the body. One day, Christ will rule over all of creation, and now He rules over the church, His body (1:18, 24). God will bring peace to all of creation through the reign of Christ (Micah 2), after He has subdued the enemies of God. In the meantime, He rules our hearts as those who have been transferred into His kingdom, through forgiveness. As His body, the church submits to His rule and the church can be united in Him. Serving our own ends will not bring unity to the body.

The mercy of God that makes our salvation and these new relationships should result in thanksgiving. The church, as the body of Christ, is to be a thankful people.

Our family gatherings are to be centered around the Word.

[16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

The church can focus on the purposes of God (and look more like His body) when the Word “dwells” richly in the body. Word-centered ministry is not a default setting. It takes focused intention on the part of a church and its leaders to keep the Word central. Paul notes two ways that the church as a body can have the Word as central.

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[16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

First, there is the task of teaching and admonishing. The teaching Paul has in mind is the corporate teaching of the Word through preaching. Also, by pairing it with admonishing, smaller group teaching is fitting. (See 2 Tim 3: 6-17)

Second, there is corporate singing. The second task of singing is especially designed as a way to voice our thanksgiving to God. As noted in the previous verse, the church is to be a thankful family.

Our family practices should draw attention to Christ.

[17] And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The church has a single mission with many tasks. As a body, a family, we are to bring glory to God in everything. The “you do” is plural and carries the implications that whatever the church says (word) or does (deed), those actions are to be submitted to the rule of Christ and to be a means of His Word dwelling richly among us. To be even more focused, our task is not only to speak and live out God’s Word (wisdom) but to do so in a way that brings attention to Christ and our lives in relation to Him.

Paul provides an example of this with giving thanks to God being possible because of the person and work of Christ. We give thanks because we are living the new life united to Christ.

Living the Christ-centered life:

Have you been seeking unity with other members of the body by loving them?

We have seen previously that our love for each other will be the “perfect bond of unity” and will drive us to bear with each other and forgive each other. Through this mutual commitment to love we can let the “peace of Christ” rule over us as a church family.

Have we allowed the Word to have primary place in our church?

Our focus on corporate teaching should be “Are we learning and be warned by the Word together?” Our corporate singing should be assessed by “Are we singing wise words from thankful hearts?”

Are your interactions with those in the church and outside of it displaying Christ’s life?

Our demeanor, our activities, and the content of our speech should look like Christ and bring honor to Him.



Is Christ everything in your life?

He can be everything today!

King of Love

"I am the Good Shepherd...I lay down My life for the sheep" Jn 10:14-15

Henry Baker and I am They

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Never failing, Ruler of my heart
Everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

Never failing, Ruler of my heart
Everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
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Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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Never failing, Ruler of my heart
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The King of Love my Shepherd is
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And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever



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