

Living as a Jesus Freak

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Colossians 3:16-17

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Truth: To win the battle against sin and live victoriously

You must live in light of your new identity of Christ! 2 Tim 1:9

Who doesn't want to be happy? Two ways:

- Attempt to arrange circumstances of life so that you will be content & happy. But this won't work in this Fallen world: Job 1:1-21
- **You can seek happiness in Christ alone!**
Circumstances won't matter: Act 5:40-42; 16:25; 1 Cor 3:21

All of life is to be a life of worship before God

A. True Worship starts with the Word of Christ

1. The Word of Christ – the Scriptures as they point to the centrality of Christ!
2. Dwell in you – not just visit but live! 2 Cor 6:16
3. Richly – abundantly, let it have the run of the house!
4. Ya'll – 2nd person plural, in the body, not just individual

B. True Worship begins with a thankful heart and extends to all of life

1. Do Everything in the name of the Lord Jesus – we are to live under submission to the Lord who purchased us Phil 2:9-11. Think phylactery
2. Giving thanks to God the Father through Christ – twice commanded to be thankful. Consider Job's testimony Job 1:21
3. Whatever you do – Not just a Sunday thing. It is living a redeemed life for God. Coram Deo – before the face of God. We are to live our lives before the face of God, under the authority of God, to the glory of God!

Discuss & Apply:

- What do people do to be happy in this world? Why is it such a universal pursuit? Can we find true happiness in anything but Christ alone?
- What does the Word of Christ mean to you? Is it the same as the Bible? Who or what has helped you the most in getting into the Word of Christ?
- We are to dwell richly or abundantly in the Word of Christ? Discuss some practical ways to make that real.
- What are the implications of Paul using a 2nd person plural in v16 – “Ya'll”? Discuss practical application of this. How does this relate to worship and church life?
- Read v16 in the NIV/ESV and then the NAS. What are the differences in meaning? Do they matter?
- How does the attitude of submission to Christ help us do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus? Does 1 Cor 6:19b-20 help?
- How does v17 help answer the question “Can I do this or that activity?” Discuss in terms of sexual relations inside vs. outside of marriage? What other areas can you think of?
- Are we really supposed to thank God for our trials? How does James 1:2-4 shed light on what God is doing? Can we honestly thank God even when we don't feel it due to the severity of our circumstances?
- Is it a sin or wrong to feel down at times? What should we do when we are down? Must a person thank God for ALL things and be thankful?
- Apply V16-17 to our drawing:

