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Let The Word Dwell In You (Co 3:16)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning,
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on 3:16 that should have a daily impact on each of our lives.
 - a. Last week we examined “Let Us Hold True.”
 - i. **Ph 3:16** “Only let us hold true to what we have attained.”¹
 1. Hold true to knowing Christ Jesus our Lord
 2. Hold true to the goal and prize set by Christ
 3. Hold true to our understanding
 - b. Today we are going to examine “Let The Word Dwell In You.”
 - i. **Co 3:16** “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.”
3. Background to our text.
 - a. Paul’s theme of chapter 3 is “New” and he starts by making it understood that Christians have a “new mindset.”
 - i. In **Co 3:1-4** Paul points out that the new mind sets its thoughts on things above not on this on the earth.
 - b. Paul then moves on to the new characteristics Christians should have.
 - i. In **Co 3:5-15** Paul points out these new characteristics...
 1. Tender mercies
 2. Kindness
 3. Humility
 4. Longsuffering
 5. Love
 6. The peace of God
 - c. Paul even teaches Christians are to have a new home life & work life.
 - i. In **Co 3:18-25** Paul points to how the home and work relationship will be different for the Christians as they are now based on the new characteristics.
 - d. That brings us to our text today which is found in between “new characteristics” and “new home & work life.”
 - i. Paul **Co 3:16** wanted the brethren to know that worshiping God is an integral part of the “new mindset in Christ.”
4. With that in mind let us examine our text today to see what Paul wanted the brethren in Colossi to know concerning the new mindset Christian lifestyle and worship.

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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I. The Christian Worships In Song With Understanding

- A. Paul wrote...
 - 1. “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”
- B. This means understanding Scripture
 - 1. The new mind strives for accuracy in their songs and are not satisfied with unscriptural songs.
 - i. **II Ti 2:15** “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”
 - 2. The new mind strives for accuracy in their singing and are not satisfied with unscriptural singing.
 - i. **Co 3:17** “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.”
- C. This means understanding each word of the songs
 - 1. The new mind strives for comprehension of each song they sing.
 - i. **I Co 14:15** “What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.” (NKJV)
- D. Thus...
 - 1. As Christians we no longer can be satisfied with ignorance we must strive for understanding in our songs and our singing.

II. The Christian Worships In Song For Teaching & Admonishing

- A. Paul wrote...
 - 1. “teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom”
- B. This means our singing is not just upward but outward
 - 1. So often people get it into their minds that when they sing it is for the benefit of God only.
 - i. The problem with this is that it leads to false conclusions as their starting premise is wrong.
 - ii. Some of these conclusions are...
 - a. I don’t have to sing out loud because God can hear my heart echoing the words.
 - 1. God can hear the heart but what He hears when this misguided attitude is sent is not that which the hopeful is hoping in.
 - b. I don’t have to sing out because God can hear my words just fine.
 - 1. God can hear the words but no one else can and thus one is only fulfilling part of the command when gathered together to worship in song.

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2. Singing in worship with the new mindset is only Scripturally done when...
 - i. We sing out by...
 - a. Actually singing instead of just keeping their mouths or other means of communication silent.
 1. **Ac 16:25** “About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them”
 - ii. We sing out by...
 - b. Actually singing out instead of whispering where no one can hear them.
 1. **Ep 5:19** “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (NKJV)
- C. Thus...
 1. As Christians we no longer can simply try to skate by in misguided thinking but rather we must sing upward and also outward.

III. The Christian Worships In Song Through Three Categories Of Songs

- A. Paul wrote...
 1. “singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs”
- B. Psalms
 1. This category of song is dealing with the book of Psalms found in the Old Testament.
 - i. Many of the songs we sing are psalms.
 - a. Amazing Grace Psalm 3
 - b. Come Thou Fount Psalm 91
 - c. Hallelujah Praise Jehovah Psalm 148
 2. The new minded Christian makes sure that he does not leave out songs from the psalms.
 - i. Many “modern” thoughts say the psalms are old and no longer of use.
- C. Hymns
 1. This category of song is dealing with songs that are meant to praise God specifically.
 - i. There are many songs we sing that are hymns.
 - a. Praise Thee Oh God
 - b. Our God Is An Awesome God
 2. The new minded Christian must make sure that he/she does not only sing songs that are hymns.
 - i. Many “modern” thoughts on singing suggest that songs of praise are the only thing worthy singing.

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D. Spiritual Songs

1. This category of song is dealing with any song that is considered a spiritual song.
 - i. There are many that fit this category that we sing.
 - a. A common love
 - b. The old rugged cross
 - d. Jesus loves me
2. The new minded Christian will recognize that every song that is spiritual is a worship song and thus must be treated that way.
 - i. There are far too many that think that listening to “contemporary Christian music” is just fine but when this is considered it is easily seen, to the faithful, that this is wrong.

E. Thus...

1. As Christians we are bound to these three categories and a great three categories these do make.

IV. The Christian Worships In Song With Thankfulness

A. Paul wrote...

1. “sing...with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

B. This means with gratitude & excitement

1. The new minded Christian is grateful to sing to God and to each other.
 - i. **Ja 5:13** “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.” (NKJV)

C. This means not with murmuring and complaining

1. The new minded Christian is grateful to sing and excited about that opportunity, especially with the brethren.
 - i. Far too often singing in worship services songs like a bunch of people that are not excited and grateful to sing to God and others.

D. Thus...

1. As Christians let us sing as a people that are renewed in mind as to understand the gracious opportunity that has been afforded us to worship our God and teach each other in song.

CONCLUSION

1. Edward Bedore once said, “The knowledge of Christ's love for us should cause us to love Him in such a way that it is demonstrated in our attitude, conduct, and commitment to serve God. Spiritual maturity is marked by spiritual knowledge being put into action.”
 - a. Brethren amen!!!
2. Question: Are you marked by spiritual knowledge being put into action...maturity?
 - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
 - b. If not why not?

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3. Invitation

- a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
 - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**