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## A Study in Colossians, *continued*

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### Introduction Summary

Today's study covers **Colossians 3:14-21**. It teaches us the primary way God leads Christians. Following God's way is what brings peace and joy every day of our life.

- I. **V14:** Charity means love that sees others as valuable and precious. It is the bond of perfectness. Perfectness means completeness or soul-tie.
- II. **V15:** Knowing this verse is critical, because it's the primary way God directs us (Pro. 3:5-8).
  - A. This is how Holy Ghost leads by the inward man: One way He does it is by peace.
  - B. Peace (Gk. *Eirene*): It means quietness, rest and prosperity.
  - C. Rule (Gk. *Brabeuo*): Let peace arbitrate, govern or decide in your heart (cardia).
  - D. When you were born again your spirit (the real you) was made new (2 Cor. 5:17).
  - E. Be renew your mind by meditating the Word (Rom. 12:2).
  - F. Christians are called, selected by God, to walk this way (1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; 13:12).
  - G. Thankful means grateful. Be grateful that there is a way to always get it right.
  - H. The Holy Spirit will always lead you in line with Scripture.
  - I. Eph 5:20 means to be grateful for God's leadership and guidance.
- III. **V16:** Let (allow) the Word dwell in you by meditating on it (Psalm 1:1-3.) Meditate means to mutter, speak, talk, imagine and study it.
  - A. He brings forth fruit and whatever he does shall prosper.
  - B. Do Jesus' sayings so that you remain strong in a storm of life (Luke 6:46-49).
  - C. God's wisdom (Gk. *Sofia*) means insight, discernment, the truth about a thing.
  - D. One another means we all are connected in one body.
  - E. Psalms refers to the literal book of Psalms.
  - F. Hymns refers to music filled with Scripture.
  - G. Spiritual songs refer to songs the Holy Spirit gives you to sing.
  - H. Grace (Gk. *Charis*): In this verse, grace means *joy*.
- IV. **V17:** Name means the character and authority of Jesus.
  - A. Jesus' character is love, because God is love (1 John 4:8, 16, 1 Cor. 13:4-8).

- B. Authority is what Jesus won by conquest over satan.
  - C. Being unthankful opened the door for the coronavirus. The result of being ungrateful is seen in Romans 1:18-21. The heart is the center of man (the spirit man).
- V. **V18:** Submit one to another. Put this in context with chapter two. One gender is not better than the other.
- A. The word fit means proper.
  - B. Submit (subordinate yourself) to your own husband.
    - 1. Eph. 5:20-21, We must subordinate ourselves to each other. Above all, we subordinate ourselves to God.
    - 2. 1 Pet. 5:6 tells us to humble ourselves to God. His way is that we submit in this order (1 Cor. 11:3, 8, 9, 12).
    - 3. Singles should marry someone who won't follow God (2 Cor. 6:14, 17).
    - 4. The woman followed satan and led her husband into sin (Gen 3:6).
- VI. **V19:** What does love do?
- A. 1 Cor 13:4-8 describes the way of love always works.
  - B. Women are responders. She responds to the stimulus given to her.
  - C. Anger causes a negative response (Pro. 21:9, 19; 25:24).
  - D. Love causes a positive response.
- VII. **V20-21:** Pleasing God causes His power manifests on your behalf.
- A. Children need to understand why they must obey God.
  - B. Fathers must be patient with their children, and should lead in training. (Eph. 6:1-4).
  - C. There are too many children being born without fathers in the home.
  - D. Children should give their life to God while they're young (Ecc. 12:1). They do that because they've been properly trained and taught by their fathers and mothers.
  - E. It's not by accident that all my children are saved and serve in ministry. We taught them the Word and lived it in front of them as much as we knew how.

## Closing Summary

As we let God's peace rule in our inward man, we are sure to live a life of *love, peace and joy* in His perfect will.