

# Let's Worship God

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## **Monday - Colossians 3:1-17 - The Word of God**

When Paul wrote this letter to the Colossians, one purpose was to correct heretical teaching, but the principal reason was to help believers to become more and more conformed to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the major ways in which this is done is through the living Word of God.

Just as there can be no physical growth without the intake of food, so there can be no spiritual development without the taking in of the Word of God. It should not be thought that the 'word of Christ' only refers to the words spoken by Jesus during his time on earth; the phrase is simply synonymous with the 'word of God' which is the only properly ordained agency for 'teaching and admonishing'. 1 Tim. 6:3, 1 Thess. 1:8, 4:15.

This divine Word is to govern every action and every thought and word of the child of God. This Word is not just to be known superficially, but is to 'dwell richly within' the believer. The more the child of God knows of the Word of God and the more that this Word is understood and applied to his daily experience, the more he will grow in likeness to his Lord.

For the Word of God to 'dwell richly' within the believer there are a number of things that must become a part of the everyday life of the believer. The Lord Jesus Christ once warned people that they were to be careful how they listened to the Word of God. In the parable of the sower He described four different kinds of soil into which the good seed of the Word of God could fall and finished His parable with the words 'he who has ears to hear, let him hear' Matt. 13:9.

## **Questions**

1. How are you to listen to the Word of God?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that we have the Word of God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, Colossians 3:23

**Praise: Psalm 75 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Tuesday - Colossians 3:16; Psalm 119:9-16 - Listening to the Word**

If the Word of God is to 'dwell richly' in the child of God, he is first of all to listen to the Word. This is more than a mere hearing the sounds of words as they are preached or to skim quickly over the words as they are read. We always need to ask 'what is God wanting to say to me here?' How many times has somebody been speaking to us, and we have had to say, 'I'm sorry, what was that you said?' Has that ever been the case when we are supposed to be listening to the Word of God?

If we truly listen to the Word, either read or preached, there will need to be a reaction. The Word must be 'hidden in the heart' Psalm 119:11 so that we do not forget its teaching and thus fall into sin. It is not a bad practice to memorise passages of the Scripture so that they are always available to us. It was said of the saintly John Bunyan that if you pricked him, his blood would be Bibline! Are our minds so full of the daily newspaper or of television 'soaps' that the Word of God is squeezed out?

The Word listened to and hidden in the heart, must then be obeyed (John 14:15) and applied wisely in the daily life. Every part of personal, family, working, and social life must be ordered by the teaching of the Scriptures.

It should also be borne in mind that the Word is given not just for personal enrichment, and certainly not to build up head knowledge, but rather that the whole body of Christ may grow in likeness to Jesus. Every Christian is to be concerned about the Biblical knowledge (teaching) and the practical Christian conduct (admonishing) of his fellow believers.

## **Questions**

1. How do we listen to the Word of God?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that you would listen to the Word of God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, Colossians 3:23

**Praise: Psalm 76 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Wednesday - Colossians 3:16; Psalm 148 - Singing Praise**

One way in which the teaching and admonishing that is required may be carried out, is through the enthusiastic, thankful singing praise to God. It should be quite evident that what has gone before will clearly restrict what is thus to be used for this teaching and admonishing through singing praise, to 'the Word of Christ'. Paul says 'Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs'.

The fact that many people today use this verse to justify the singing in worship of merely human compositions, does not affect the clear teaching of the verse. It is more important to ask what those words meant to Paul and to the early church.

The Bible of the early church was the Septuagint (a Greek version of the OT) and in that version, the three terms 'psalms, hymns and songs' were all used to refer to the 150 psalms. Sixty-seven of the psalms are called 'psalms', six are called 'hymns' and thirty-five are called 'songs'. Not only so, twelve of the psalms use both 'psalm' and 'song', two have 'psalm' and 'hymn', and the seventy-sixth psalm uses all three, 'psalm', 'hymn' and 'song' in its title. When Paul used these terms he would have been fully aware of their use in the Septuagint and he would not have wanted to create confusion by referring to something else without giving a full explanation.

Not only were these three terms used for the Psalms, the word 'spiritual' literally means 'given by the spirit', and that can only refer to Scripture. Although the adjective 'spiritual' may seem to relate only to 'songs', it can, quite legitimately be applied to all three terms.

So the believer is to praise God with thankful heart, using the very words that God has given in the Psalms.

### **Questions**

1. How can you use the psalms more effectively in your personal, family and church life?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that God has given us the Psalms.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, Colossians 3:23

**Praise: Psalm 77 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Thursday - Colossians 3:17; Psalm 119:1-8 - Thankfulness**

The false teachers in Colossae were attempting to impose all kinds of specific rules and regulations on the believers. Paul, in contrast, gives them a very comprehensive principle by which they are to seek to live their daily lives; 'whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus'.

When Paul told them to do everything in the name of Jesus, he was not suggesting that they repeat the name of Jesus before they said or did anything! When we do something in the name of Jesus it means that we do it in harmony with His revealed will in the Bible, in subjection to His authority and in dependence upon His power.

It must always be remembered that the Holy Spirit works upon the Word of God, and it is only as the believer seeks to understand the Word and will of God and to put it into practice in His daily life in dependence on the Holy Spirit, that He will truly please God. This will require an ever deeper study of the Scripture and a constant asking the Lord 'what would you have me do', Acts 22:10, followed by a conscious and constant reliance upon the work of the Holy Spirit to put it into practice.

Thankfulness should be an ever present reality in the life of a Christian. The more a believer thinks about all that God has done for him in Christ, the less important and troublesome will be the trials of the present life. The greater his appreciation and thankfulness for a full, free and eternal salvation, the greater will be his joyful service for the master who has redeemed him at such a cost.

## **Questions**

1. How can you develop a constant attitude of thankfulness in spite of the difficulties of life?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks for what God has done for you today.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

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## Friday - Colossians 3:11-25 - Submission

The Bible is not just a book of doctrine or history, or a manual to tell us how to conduct the affairs of the church; it is all that, but it is also a very practical book to tell us how we should live our personal and family lives in a way that will please God.

The women's liberation movement that began in the middle of the twentieth century has done precisely the opposite of what it was intended to do! A movement that was meant to liberate or free women has, in fact enslaved them by seeking to reverse the order that God ordained in his wisdom for men and women. Feminists loathe the very idea that a woman should, in any circumstances, be submissive to a man. They have changed the wedding vows to remove the idea of the obedience of a wife to her husband. Yet this is precisely what the apostle Paul is requiring from Christian wives because 'this is fitting in the Lord'.

The Biblical submission of a wife to her husband should never be seen as oppressive, but is patterned on the submission of the believer to Christ Eph. 5:24. It recognises that God has placed headship in the man Eph. 5:23 and, as he has the duty, under God to rule, so she is to give loving submission to that authority.

That does not mean that the woman is inferior to the man in any sense. Men and women are saved in the same way, they have the same access to the Word and prayer, they have equal value in the sight of God and have essential roles to play in the life of the church, albeit different ones from those committed to men.

The authority of a husband over his wife, however, is not absolute. A husband, who asks his wife to do that which is unbiblical or sinful, can and must be disobeyed Acts 5:29.

## Questions

1. What are practical ways in which the submission of a godly wife could be seen?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray that Christians would honour God in their marriages.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## Memory Verse

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## **Saturday - Colossians 3:18-25; Ephesians 5:25-33 - Love**

If the Christian wife is to be submissive to her husband, the Christian husband has the solemn obligation to love his wife. It may seem a strange thing to speak of love as an obligation, especially when the word love is used so often to refer to a romantic kind of emotion that can fluctuate with circumstances, but the concept of love that the apostle is thinking of is that which he articulated in 1 Corinthians ch. 13.

The husband is to love his wife 'as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her' Eph. 5:25. When a husband realises just what the Lord Jesus Christ did for his salvation, and how He gave Himself for such an unworthy sinner, he will begin to understand what it means for him to 'give himself' for his wife.

There can be no sense of superiority nor of harshness in his treatment of his wife; there will rather, be understanding, consideration and honour 1 Peter 3:7. The true meaning of love is the desire to put the welfare of the other person before our own and to consider their interests as being as equally important as our own.

In a faithful Christian home, where love is demonstrated by the husband for his wife, there will be no problem of submission on the part of the wife. It may be that final decisions on important issues will be taken by the head of the house, but it would be a foolish and unchristian man who did not discuss it with his wife and come to a joint decision.

Where there is love and submission, there is a home that glorifies God and it will be a vibrant testimony to those who come within its borders.

## **Questions**

1. How is a husband to treat his wife?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, Colossians 3:23

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**God tells us that  
Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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