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NAVIGATE LIFE TOGETHER

Maranatha Chapel Sermon Based Study Guide
Jesus in Everything – Colossians 3:15-17 (SB 02.27.2022)

COLOSSIANS

Receiving the Message and Relating to the Study

What insights, principles, or observations stood out to you from this week's message? Discuss with your group.

Pastor Daniel said "Do you know what a bento box is? It's basically a lunch box, with a bunch of compartments and dividers for different foods. A lot of Christians have a 'bento box' mentality when it comes to their faith. They like to divide their lives into separate little compartments. They put their friends in one compartment and their family into another one. Another one is dedicated to work, and another is dedicated to finances... Then there is the compartment where all the God 'stuff' goes. It's the spiritual compartment. For Christians with a bento box mentality, faith plays a role in their life, but that role is defined and limited in its scope. What we're going to discover in today's text is that God wants to touch every part of our lives. He has no interest in ruling over just one compartment." Let's get into our study...

1. What spoke to you from Pastor Daniel's sermon this week?
2. How do we tend to compartmentalize our lives?
3. Is there a difference between the spiritual and the secular for the Christian? Why?

Digging Deeper in God's Word: Life Lessons

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ COLOSSIANS 3:15-16

1. What immediately stands out to you? Does anything encourage you or convict you?
2. What is the peace of Christ?
3. Have group members read: John 16:33; Acts 10:36, Romans 5:1-2, Eph. 2:13-17, and Col 1:19-20 for a better understanding of the peace of Christ
4. What's the difference between "peace with Christ" and "the peace of Christ? (Read Romans 5:1 and Philippians 4:7)

Peace seems illusive and unobtainable. All man's attempts to bring peace to the world have failed because none of them deal with the root issue. The Bible teaches that the lack of peace we see in our external world is just a reflection of the inner turmoil that rages inside people's hearts. The world will never know peace until it experiences peace with God. When you have peace with God, it opens the door for you to experience the peace of God!

LETTING THE PEACE OF CHRIST "RULE" IN YOUR HEARTS AS YOUR GUIDE:

When making major decisions in your life such as deciding on a new job, moving to a new town, or making an important decision, how do you determine God's will? The Bible says "let the peace of Christ "rule" in your heart. The word "rule" means to act as an umpire. In Baseball, it's the umpire who decides if you are safe or out, if it's a strike or a ball. So the peace of Christ acts as the umpire in our hearts telling us right and wrong.

1. Talk about a time that you needed to make a major decision and how the "peace" of Christ guided you

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to make the right decision.

2. Pastor Daniel talked about a “false” peace. Will God ever tell you to do something that goes against His written Word? Explain...
3. Give some examples of how people make decisions with a false peace?

Although one of the ways we know the will of God is having the “peace of God”, it should never be the only factor you weigh in making your decision. Some people say it’s ok to live in with your girlfriend because they feel a peace about it in their heart. That’s a false peace. God will never give you peace about breaking any of His commandments.

1. In your opinion what are some other things we must weigh in determining God’s will for your life?
2. Read Proverbs 11:14. Why is it important to get godly counsel in finding God’s will?
3. Read Romans 12:2 and Psalm 119:105 and explain how this will help you know the will of God?
4. Read Colossians 3:16 and explain how do you let the “word of Christ” dwell in you richly?
5. How can we practically teach one another and admonish one another? (Is this in church only, or anywhere)

In Colossians 3:16 Paul talks about worship. Music and singing have always played a significant role in the church. It was the church that commissioned and inspired such composers as Mozart, Bach and Handel. Paul doesn’t draw a distinction between the teaching time and the worship time. The teaching time doesn’t start when the preacher walks on stage and the worship doesn’t end there either. It’s all one and the same. Teaching is going on during worship and worship is going on during teaching.

1. Read Psalm 100:4 – What does this tell you about the importance of worship?
2. How does singing and worship help prepare you for the message?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ COLOSSIANS 3:17

1. What guiding principle do we find in verse 17?
2. What does it mean to do everything in the name of Jesus?

Applying God’s Word

What did you learn from this study and how does this personally speak to you? Discuss with your group.

In the ancient world, a person’s name conveyed a lot. It still does. Your name speaks of your identity. When you see the name Steinway engraved on a piano, it tells you something about that piano. The name speaks. As Christians, we bear the name of Christ. We belong to Him. That means we represent Him in this world in everything that we do. We must never forget that. The other thing a name indicates is authority. The greater the name, the greater the authority. When a man’s name is signed to a check authorizes the withdrawal of money from the bank. If the President signs a bill, it makes it a law. The name of Jesus is the greatest name. It is the name above all names. It is the only name given to men by which we must be saved. We are called to live in the authority of His name.

1. How has the Lord changed your life as you have learned to let the word of Christ dwell in you?
2. Can you attach Jesus name to everything you do? Would He be pleased with the things you do?

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3. What is one thing you can take away from today's study and apply to your life?

PRAYER – Father we thank you for your Holy Word, for in it you have revealed your will. Lord please guide us in these dark days to follow your will and obey your word. We pray for boldness to be faithful witnesses for Christ. Lord we also pray for peace in the Ukraine, we pray for safety for all the families, the pastors and believers. God have mercy on them and deliver them. In Jesus name!

“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.” (Col. 3:17)