

THANKSGIVING 2023 Col. 3:10-17

<u>Col. 3:10</u> And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: <u>11</u> Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

<u>12</u> Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

<u>13</u> Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

<u>14</u> And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

- <u>15</u> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and **be ye thankful**. <u>16</u> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- <u>17</u> And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God and the Father by him.

Thanksgiving is commanded in <u>Col. 3:15</u> for a believer who meets other spiritual standards found within the context of this passage. To "be...thankful" and "giving thanks" are characteristics of "the new man." We will observe what the Bible says about the life of "the new man."

I. THE NEW MAN'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, 3:10-11

A. The Creation of the New Man, 3:10

<u>Col. 3:10</u> And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

The "new man" is a new creation that is modeled "...after the image of him that created him:"

<u>2 Cor. 5:17</u> Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. <u>Eph. 5:2</u> And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

<u>Col. 2:6</u> As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk ye in him:

<u>7</u> Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

B. The Character of the New Man, 3:11

- 1. All Differences of Country, 3:11a "Where there is neither Greek nor Jew..."
- 2. All Differences of Creed, 3:11b "...circumcision nor uncircumcision..."
- 3. All Differences of Culture, 3:11c "...Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free..."

4. All Differences of Class, 3:11d "...but Christ is all, and in all."

II. <u>THE NEW MAN'S ROBE</u>, 3:12-14

A. Goodness, 3:12

1. We Receive a Holy Character, 3:12a "Put on therefore, as the elect of God..."

Believers are commanded to "Put on," spiritual clothing as a reflection of God.II.

Original Word: ἐνδύω Transliteration: enduo Definition: to clothe or be clothed with (in the sense of sinking into a garment) Usage: I put on, clothe (another).

Before "giving thanks," believers should exhibit a "robe of testimony" radiating holiness. We Reveal a Holy Character, 3:12b "...holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;"

The believer's "robe of goodness" manifests the fruits of holiness: "...holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;" B. Graciousness, 3:13

<u>3:13</u> Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

The believer who "gives thanks" should have characteristics like Christ: "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another..." C. Godlikeness, 3:14

<u>3:14</u> And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

The command to "put on charity," seals the deal for a believer in being prepared to "give thanks to God." III. THE NEW MAN'S RULES, 3:15-17

A. The Principal Element, 3:15

The Enthronement of Christ's Peace,
3:15a "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts..."

Believers are commanded to submit to the ruling influence of peace in their hearts.

2. The Enlargement of Christ's Peace, 3:15b "...to the which also ye are called in one body..."

- The unifying factor for believers in giving thanks is being of the same spirit in the church.
 - 3. The Enjoyment of Christ's Peace, 3:15c "...and be ye thankful."
- These spiritual characteristics influence believers to obedience in being thankful.

B. The Parallel Element, 3:16

1. The Word Abiding In Us, 3:16a "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom..."

Believers are commanded to be submissive to the influence of the Word of God.

2. The Word Abounding In Us, 3:16b "...teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Genuine spirituality includes all of these characteristics that produce the giving of thanks, including the influence of godly music.

<u>Summary</u> C. The Practical Element, 3:17

The "practical element" in 3:17 serves as an excellent summary:

1. Doing Things Proportionately, 3:17a "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed..."

The actions of a believer, "in word or deed" is a conclusive admonition that is a most comprehensive motivation for all action.

2. Doing Things Properly, 3:17b "...do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..."

The conclusion includes to "do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..."

3. Doing Things Prayerfully, 3:17c "...giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

The conclusion is capped off with "giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Conclusion

<u>Eph. 5:20</u> Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

<u>Psa. 69:30</u> I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Psa. 92:1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: