

Study: A Useful Vessel

Text: Colossians 3:15-17

OUR PRACTICE FOR USEFULNESS—"PUTTING ON" (Pt. 3)

**Memory verse: 2 Timothy 2:21** If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet [*useful*] for the **Master's** use, and prepared unto every good work.

† The Christian's **POSITION**—"Elect of God, holy and beloved" (v. 12a)

† The Christian's **PRACTICE**—to **IMITATE** CHRIST (v. 12b-14)

The challenge for us today is—LOOK **DISTINCTLY** LIKE CHRIST!

Genuine *Christlike love* must be at the heart of our every action. This is the overcoat—it is to be the most prominent.

**I. The Christian's Practice of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of CHRIST (v. 15)**

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts,..." - This word "rule" carries the idea to govern; \_\_\_\_\_.

Consider Christ's words about *peace* (John 14:27; 16:33)

**The way to ward off this "false peace" is to be intentional in surrendering our heart and mind daily.**

A. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 4:6-7)

Prayer is not getting God to do our will but submitting our will to His.

B. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15b)

Having peace in our hearts will result in having peace with \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15c)

"...and be ye thankful." - "*Be thankful*" \_\_\_\_\_ that God has allowed this.

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

A peaceful and thankful heart reveal a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

**II. The Christian's Practice of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of CHRIST (v. 16)**

Having the "*peace of God*" is contingent upon our receiving the "Word of God."

2 Peter 1:2; Psalm 46:10; Isaiah 26:3-4

A. There must be \_\_\_\_\_ in the WORD (James 1:25)

B. There must be \_\_\_\_\_ in the WORD (Psalm 1:2)

C. There must be \_\_\_\_\_ of the WORD (Psalm 119:11)

D. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ from the WORD

**Psalm 40:3** And He hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our **God**: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the **LORD**.

As God's "*grace*" is often defined as "God's divine help" so we can see that the Lord uses songs that are filled with His Word to "help" in time of need.

**III. The Christian's Practice of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of CHRIST (v. 17)**

Receiving the "Word of Christ" results in properly representing the "name of Christ."

REPRESENTING CHRIST: In 2 Corinthians 5:20 we are "*ambassadors for Christ.*"

The "*name of the Lord Jesus*" speaks of His \_\_\_\_\_.

So we see that in order to have the "*peace of God*" we must be faithfully receiving the "Word of God." And when we faithfully receive the "Word of Christ" it will result in faithfully representing the "name of Christ."

Self-reflecting QUESTION: How am I representing Christ's name?

**What is my next step?** "*Put off sin,*" "*renew your mind,*" and "*put on Christ-likeness.*" (Questions on next page)

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  - b. What does He like?
  - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew**)
  - a. What command to obey?
  - b. What promise to claim?
  - c. What principle to apply (*If I do \_\_\_\_\_, then God will do \_\_\_\_\_*)?
  - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew**)
5. In light of what I have heard from God,... (**Put ON**)
  - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
  - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
  - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)

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## Sermon Notes

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