

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Theme: "Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You" Colossians 3:16

SESSION 4

M. CHALLENGE TO SET THE MIND ON CHRIST

Colossians 3:1-5

1. Logical ramifications

- a) If one is raised with Christ
Then there should be seeking the things which are above
Where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God Colossians 3:1
- b) Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth Colossians 3:2
- c) For you died Colossians 3:3a
- d) Your life is hidden with Christ in God Colossians 3:3b

2. When Christ returns

- a) He will appear again Colossians 3:4a
- b) We will appear with Him in glory Colossians 3:4b

N. CONSISTENCY IN FAITH AND LIFE

Colossians 3:6-4:5

- a) Faith and Life must be matched
- b) Challenge to put to death the following: - Colossians 3:5-7
 - i) Fornication
 - ii) Uncleaness
 - iii) Passion
 - iv) Evil desire
 - v) Covetousness (idolatry)
 - vi) Disobedience
 - vii) The former lifestyle
- c) Put off Colossians 3:8-9
 - i) Anger
 - ii) Wrath
 - iii) Malice
 - iv) Blasphemy

- v) Filthy language
- vi) Lying
- vii) Put off the old man with his deeds
- d) Put on Colossians 3:10-14
As the elect of God, holy and beloved Colossians 3:10
 - i) The new man
 - ii) Renewed in knowledge
 - iii) According to the knowledge of God who created him
 - iv) True equality
(No Greek, Jew, circumcised, uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free)
 - v) Tender mercies
 - vi) Kindness
 - vii) Humility
 - vii) Meekness
 - viii) Longsuffering
 - ix) Bearing with one another
 - x) Forgiving one another even as Christ forgave
 - xi) Put on love- the bond of perfection
 - xii) Let the peace of God rule in the heart
 - xiii) Our calling in one body (the pursuit and practice of peace)
 - xiv) Being thankful

0. Christ and all He represents to Indwell Richly

- a) The word of Christ
 - i) Not merely a verse or two
 - ii) His Person
 - iii) His Power
 - iv) His Presence
 - v) His Promises (His teachings)
- b) Dwell

- i) To reside
 - ii) To domicile
 - iii) To indwell
 - iv) To permeate
- c) Richly
 - i) Rich in faith James 2:5
 - ii) Heirs of the kingdom James 2:5
 - iii) Riches of liberality 2 Corinthians 8:2
 - iv) In wisdom Colossians 3:16
- d) Results Colossians 3:16-17
 - i) Teaching
 - ii) Admonishing (counselling)
 - iii) Singing with grace to the Lord (Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs)
 - iv) Word/ deed
 - v) Everything done in the name of the Lord
 - vi) Giving thanks to God the Father through Christ