

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

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

SESSION 5

P. CONCRETE PRACTICES

Colossians 3:18- 4:1

1. Family Colossians 3:18-21

- a) Wives
Godly submission
- b) Husbands
Loving concern
- c) Children
Obedience that is well-pleasing to the Lord
- d) Fathers (parents)
Do not provoke the children

2. Household/ Workplace Colossians 3:22- 4:1

- a) Slaves
 - i) Obey in all things
 - ii) Not with eye-service as men-pleasers
 - iii) Sincerity of the heart
 - iv) Fearing God
 - v) Work to be done heartily as to the Lord and not to men
 - vi) Knowing that the Lord will reward (inheritance)
 - vii) Serving the Lord Christ
 - viii) But if there is wrong-doing, there will be punishment
- b) Masters
 - i) Give what is just and fair
 - ii) Knowing that there is a Master (Lord) in heaven

Q. COMPASSION AND CONCERN

Colossians 4:2-6

1. In prayer Colossians 4:2-3

- a) Giving attention

- b) Perseverance
- c) Vigilance (watchfulness)
- d) Thanksgiving
- e) Intercession
- f) Special reference to the spread of the Gospel
 - i) An open door
 - ii) To make manifest the mystery of Christ
 - iii) To speak of the Lord

2. The Christian Walk Colossians 4:5

- a) With reference to those in the world
- b) To walk in wisdom
- c) Redeeming the time
- d) Speech
 - i) With grace
 - ii) With salt ("salt of the earth" Matthew 5:13)
 - iii) You know how you ought to answer each one (Cf. 1 Peter 3:15)

R. COMMENDATION OF FAITHFUL FELLOW WORKERS
Colossians 4:7-15

1. Tychichus Colossians 4:7-8

- a) A beloved brother
- b) Faithful minister
- c) Fellow servant in the Lord
 - i) Sent by Paul
 - ii) To know the circumstances of the Colossians
 - iii) To comfort their hearts

2. Onesimus Colossians 4:8

- a) A faithful brother
- b) And beloved
- c) He was from Colossae (Cf. Epistle to Philemon)

3. Aristarchus Colossians 4:9

- a) A fellow prisoner
- b) He sent greetings to the Colossians

4. Mark Colossians 4:10

- a) Relative of Barnabas (tr. "cousin" here)
- b) He is to be welcomed (Cf. Acts 15)

5. Jesus, called Justus Colossians 4:11

- a) He and all of the above
- b) Fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision- Jews)
- c) They had proved to be a comfort to Paul

6. Epaphras Colossians 4:12-13

- a) From Colossae
- b) A bondservant of Christ
- c) He sent greetings (Cf. Colossians 1:7-8)
- d) Always labouring fervently for the Colossians in prayer
 - i) That they stand complete
 - ii) In all the will of God
- e) Paul bears witness of his great zeal
 - i) For those in Colossae
 - ii) For those in Laodicea
 - iii) For those in Hierapolis

f) Luke Colossians 4:14a

- i) He was with Paul
- ii) He sent greetings

g) Demas Colossians 4:14b

- i) He was also with Paul
- ii) He also sent greetings
- iii) In time, he forsook Paul (Cf. 2 Timothy 4:10)

iv) He had chosen the world (Cf. 2 Timothy 4:10)

S. CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

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.

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:16-17

1. Appropriate Response (Personal)

- a) Informed
- b) Instructed
- c) Impacted
- d) Inspired

2. Appropriate Response (Church)

- a) Body of Christ
- b) Nourished and knit together
Grows with the increase that is from God Colossians 2:19