

Colossians 3:16-17 **Do All in the Name of the Lord**

1. The acknowledgement of the mystery (Review)

- a. Let the word of Christ dwell... What words? The revelation of the mystery of Christ. (Col 1:25-27, Col 2:2, Col 3:16)
- b. In **all wisdom** - understanding how to utilize the words. (Eph 5:17, 2 Tim 2:7, 15, Col 1:9)
- c. Why? Edification of yourself, and the body. **Charity**. (Col 3:14)
 - i. Examine your conversation, word and deed. (Phil 1:27, Col 3:17)
 - ii. Do not be beguiled. In Christ alone will you find all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Col 2:3, 8)
 - iii. We live in a present evil world, the days are evil, expect evil. Is your affection set on things above (on your head/life)? (Gal 1:4, Eph 5:16, Col 3:1-4)
 - iv. Ye are complete in Christ, nothing this world offers is going to be your completeness. (Col 2:9-10)
 - v. The Bible alone informs our worthy walk, wherein is found our vocation. (Eph 4:1, Rom 12:1-2)
- d. Setting expectations: the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness. It is contrary to the world's wisdom. (1 Cor 1:18)
 - i. Many well meaning Christians start their ministry catering to, or fighting, the world's wisdom with their own. (Science, politics, reason)
 - ii. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Rom 10:17)

1. The word of Christ • Colossians 3:16 (Part 2)

- a. Words matter. What is being communicated about God? The church is the pillar and ground of the truth. (1 Tim 1:3, 1 Tim 3:16, Rom 16:17)
- b. The Devil uses words to beguile and deceive. Scripture even. (Gen 3:1-4, Mt 4:1-11, 2 Cor 11:14-15)
- c. In truth and doctrine is where unity is kept. (Eph 4:3-6)
- d. The word of God works effectually in those who believe. (1 Thess 2:13)

2. Whatsoever ye do • Colossians 3:17

- a. Liberty to serve the Lord, speak the truth, exercise charity. (Gal 5:1, 1 Cor 10:31-33)
- b. Strive for mastery, run to obtain (1 Cor 9:24-25, Col 3:23-24)
- c. Remember, you are not your own. Christ is your life. (Col 3:4)
 - i. Christ is your Head (Col 2:19)
 - ii. Be not the servants of men (1 Cor 7:23)
 - iii. You are now representing Christ as an ambassador, you are to please the one who has chosen you to be a soldier. (2 Cor 5:20, 2 Tim 2:4)