



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord give us each wisdom, and always that we do Your will and not our will. Help us to always be ready in season and out of season, to give the reason for our hope. Cause Your agape love to well up in us afresh. I ask that we are blessed with our daily bread, that all our needs are met, that we never have to borrow but are always able to lend and bless whom ever You tell us to bless. Grant us favor and divine connections. I ask that whatever we set our hands to bears fruit, to Your glory and honor always. Led us in the way to go, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Scripture Colossians 3 (KJV; 2005)

Colossians 3:1-25 (KJV)

- ¹ If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
- ² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
- ³ For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
- ⁴ When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
- ⁵ Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
- ⁶ For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:
- ⁷ In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.
- ⁸ But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
- ⁹ Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
- ¹⁰ And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
- ¹¹ Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.
- ¹² Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
- ¹³ Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.
- ¹⁴ And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
- ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
- ¹⁶ 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.
- ¹⁷ 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.
- ¹⁸ Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.
- ¹⁹ Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them.
- ²⁰ Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
- ²¹ Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.
- ²² Servants, obey in all things *your* masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men-pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:
- ²³ And whatsoever ye do, *do it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
- ²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
- ²⁵ But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

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The person to person relationship with Christ is the emphasis of this letter? Christ in you, the hope of glory (1:27). Live in Him, rooted in Him, built up in Him (2:6-7). You have been given fullness in Him (2:10), you died with Him (2:20), you have been raised with Him (3:1), your life is now hidden with Him in God (3:3).

The Word and singing (v. 16) are mentioned together. This refers to Christian gatherings where the teaching of the Word and the singing of hymns are the main means of promoting the growth of Christian life. O for more of both in our churches! (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history, commentaries; page 823)

(vv. 2-3) Since we reckon the old man to be dead, our flesh shouldn't be able to entangle us in sin. (v. 4) Matthew 24:30; Revelation 19:14. (vv. 5-10) These things of the flesh should be put to death (mortified) in us. (vv. 12-17) The ancients thought that the pit of the stomach (bowels) was the area of deepest emotion. These are the deeds and emotions we should seek to encourage in ourselves. (vv. 18-19) Ephesians 5:22-23. The wife is to submit to her husband as the husband is in submission to Christ. (vv. 23-24) These verses give us a beautiful rule for life. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; notes and commentaries; page 121)

If you want to live the resurrection life that Jesus provides, then seek that new, powerful life by setting your mind and keeping it set on things above, not on things on the earth.

The apostle Paul is simply saying in [Colossians 3:1, 2](#) that if you and I want the good life, then we must keep our minds on good things.

Many believers want the good life, but they passively sit around wishing for something good to happen. Often, they are jealous of others who live in victory and are resentful that their own lives are so difficult.

If you desire victory over your problems, if you truly want to live the resurrection life, you must have backbone and not just wishbone! You must be *determined* to have victory and refuse to settle for anything less than the best that God has for you. You must be active, not passive. Right action begins with right thinking. Do not be passive in your mind. Start today choosing right thoughts. Set your mind on the things that are above and keep it there!

Think about your life before you became a Christian. How is your life different now? Most likely, [Colossians 3:5-11](#) describes some of the changes you have made in your life. Ask God to continue to help you put off the "old self" and put on the "new self" created in His image. Be intentional about pursuing righteousness in every area of your life.

I turn to [Colossians 3:12](#) often to remind myself of what kind of behavior I should display in all situations. I remind myself that patience is not my ability to wait, but my ability to keep a good attitude while I wait. I encourage you too to exercise patience in every circumstance.

[Colossians 3:15](#) instructs us to let God's peace act as an umpire in our hearts.

The umpire in a ball game decides if a player is "in" or "out." Peace is to be the umpire that decides if something in your life should be in or out.

Many people do not enjoy peace because they are out of the will of God. They follow their own will rather than God's will. They do what they feel like doing or what they think is right rather than follow God's Word and be led by peace.

Quite often something comes up that I want to do. It sounds good, feels good, and can even be good. However, if I do not have peace about it, I have learned to leave it alone. Occasionally, I am offered an opportunity I want to take, but I do not have peace about it. I do not know why, but sometimes the peace is just not there. I have learned that if I take the opportunity anyway, I always find out later the reason I should have followed peace and declined the offer.

Sometimes the Lord doesn't tell us exactly why a situation is wrong but we know later and than we are thankful, that He warned us by not giving us peace about a situation. One instance I had was land for the ministry, I saw the land in the country, a good place for the ministry, I walked around it prayed and claimed it, it was perfect, so I thought, later after nothing happened I found out the whole house needed to be rewired, and possibly the cost to update the other buildings for the purpose of the ministry may have been quite a bit, and the location was to far out and He is always right, it has to be His will not ours, ever, when it is our plan He does not have to bless it, and if He's not in it, the plans usually fail, sometimes what we plan is not how He plans it, so we must be ready to obey and be flexible , and do it His way, in His Word it says to be led by peace. Many times that is all He will give you to let you know if you are in or out of His will. Later you may know why, or you may never know why.

Be led by peace. Do not buy something, especially a major purchase, if you do not have peace about it. No matter how much you want it, you will be sorry if you go against the leading of the Holy Spirit. Take time to acknowledge God in all your ways and He will direct your path (see [Proverbs 3:6](#)).

You will never enjoy a peaceful life if you disobey His leading and follow your own will. If you do obey His guidance and follow peace, you will be blessed. Also know if you have a plan and you have not asked Him for His willing concerning it, that if it is a error He does not have to correct it.....remember that.....Yes, He takes bad circumstances and turns them to His good, sometimes though if it is all us, He uses it to teach us.....that He is God, and He gets the glory, not us ever.

If you let the Word have its home in your heart and mind, it will give you insight and intelligence and wisdom. Let God's rich Word dwell in you (see [Colossians 3:16](#)), and you will see the difference in your life!

(Amplified Bible; " The Everyday Life Bible"; 2005; Scriptures, notes, commentaries; Joyce Meyer Ministries; pages 1968 -1972)

(The Word; Word Search 9; Bible Software;2008;A mplified Bible, KJV, American Standard, Darby.....and many more)

Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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