

Colossians – Chapter Three (Part B

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v.12 – Chosen of God, holy and beloved ones, because we have been so loved should love others. The following commentary comes from the Nelson Bible Commentary.

Bowels of mercies (A hear of compassion, mercy in action, sympathy for the less fortunate),

kindness (thoughtfulness of others, unselfishness, sweetness of disposition, gentleness),

humbleness of mind (modesty, it places self last, and regards self as least),

meekness (not weakness, but lowliness; delicate consideration for others. Opposite of arrogance and self-assertion),

longsuffering (patient under provocation. Restraint which enables one to bear injury and insult without resorting to retaliation. It accepts the wrong without complaint. Longsuffering is an attribute of God and a fruit of the Holy Spirit., enabling us to forbear or put up with one another and forgive one another. If there is a complaint that we have about any (quarrel) we should forgive even as the Lord has forgiven us.

v.13- Forbearing – putting up with one another (even things we dislike or things with which we disagree) and Forgiving – letting things go, built on the same root as the word grace and means to bestow favor unconditionally. In forgiving, the Christian will always be gracious. Quarrel is a cause of blame, a ground for complaint.

v. 14 – Above all these CHARITY (LOVE) Love is the reason for it all, and that is what binds us together. Love is the bond of completeness, maturity.

v.15- Let peace of God , heart-peace, tranquility of the soul, not upset by adversity, peace that comes from total trust in the Lord. Let that peace rule, decide settle all questions, make all final decisions, arbitrate, calibrate. AND BE THANKFUL! In peace, we are one.

v.16 – Let word of Christ be at home, dwell permanently, richly (soaked in the word), putting it to use and work wisely. Thus wisely teaching and admonishing in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

v.17. Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, GIVING THANKS TO GOD.