**Colossians: Chapter Three**

**Be Changed**

In the third chapter, Paul reiterates several lessons and themes from previous letters to other churches. Here, the reader is encouraged to look above and live as we should in Jesus Christ, maintaining holy lives. We must avoid returning to past behavior. Also, Paul goes back to the importance of family relationships where love is expressed between all individuals -- spouses and children. He itemizes the kinds of behavior that we ought to avoid. An important point to remember is the fact that there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile; status no longer matters. We all are children of the King. Finally, all that we do must be done to the glory of the Lord.

1. Focus Your Minds Higher (1-4)
2. Leave Sin Behind (5-10)
3. Jesus is in Us All (10-11)
4. Let Forgiveness, Peace and Thankfulness Reign (12-15)
5. Teaching and Reaching with Beautiful Songs (16-17)
6. No Favorites in Jesus! (18-25)

Questions for Study:

1. Name at least two themes or lessons that Paul has mentioned in other letters. Do you remember what those letters were?

2. Paul suggests that admonishing, teaching, and communicating with others can be done through hymns, songs and music. How might this be done? What is the most important element in this statement?

3. Regarding the statement that wives should obey their husbands or submit to them, what have we learned in our previous lessons that this actually means? What are some ways that this statement may be used for ungodly purposes?

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