

51-Colossians-03-Transcript

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well greetings brethren and welcome to
another wednesday night bible study
uh this evening god willing i will or we
will

complete the book of colossians
hopefully we'll cover both chapters 3
and 4 today
and then god willing next week we will
have a bit of a review q
a and just your opportunity to
ask any questions regarding the studies
that we've done recently
let's go ahead and open with a word of
prayer and then we can
get into this evening study our heavenly
father we come before you once again
ever so grateful to you god for your
mercy your loving kindness toward us
your faithfulness father to your
covenant
we just thank you so much for jesus
christ
thank you father for these uh ancient
writings that we have
thousands of years old that we're able
to access and that are so relevant
for the life that we are leading today
we thank you for this guidance this

light
and we pray god that you'll help us to
follow it and to
truly acknowledge the central role of
jesus christ
in our lives we praise you lord we thank
you and we pray in his name
amen so brethren i do just want to open
up
with a video here which i'll do right
now
i think of a lot of things the first
thing i think is that we actually do
have an ideological
frame myself and alicia in particular
are trained organizers
um we are trained marxists
um we are
super uh versed
um on sort of ideological theory
so i wanted to um open with that and
just how
superversed um they are
the the leader leaders of black lives
matter are
in in ideological theory and that they
are trained marxists and they know what
they're doing
and many of us in christ have no idea
and and many of us in christ have been
following these people and not just
these people
but there are other philosophies as well
if you think of the whole
environmental movement and how powerful
that movement is and many
in christ are following environmentalism
you think of islam and chrislam
and many getting caught up with that we
also can think of
just plain old socialism and social
justice
and and really what what that is all
about is making the state

god removing jesus christ from the
central role of authority in our lives
and you have to have a god
and instead of having jesus christ as
our lord and savior
we replace him with the state and the
state
starts telling us what we can do where
we can do it how we can do it
you know stand on one foot and hop for
30 seconds and then you can put it down
in fact here in the uk
we're dealing with the pandemic the
coronavirus it is just
non-stop coronavirus the news is
non-stop it's punctuated only by
by moments of of we must hate donald
trump
uh and that's it it's non-stop
coronavirus and then we'll
we'll take a break from coronavirus to
tell you how much you should uh hate
donald trump
and in fact that just leads me to the
second video i want to use before i get
into the study party

1984

[Applause]

brings us right up to our modern
hysteria today
and it's no different how important it
is just to be
so consumed with hatred and hysteria
and you know i was thinking about the
news over here and how it's non-stop
coronavirus
punctuated by how much we must hate
donald trump
and uh it struck me that really and
truly this is the devil's work
and uh what do i mean by that it's it's
the devil's work
in terms of the emotions that are being
inflamed

if you think of the emotions of fear
that's what the coronavirus news is
just non-stop you cannot help
but feel fearful there's something in
the air it's so terrible
it's horrible and it could kill you any
minute even though there's a 99.9
recovery rate for anybody under 65 who
contracts this virus
and yet the the whole nation is full of
hysteria
around this virus and we're afraid of
fellow human beings
because of this virus so this this this
emotion this intense emotion of fear
and then hatred fear hatred fear hatred
um and this is this is the the identity
now
of the nation people are full of anxiety
and they're full of fear
and that that's the exact opposite of
the christian
modus operandi we should be people who
are full of peace
and love and instead there's this
contagious uh
mood of of the nation and i think all
western nations maybe the whole world
this contagious mood of fear and hate
this is the work of satan
human beings should not be consumed with
fear and hate
christ wants the exact opposite for us
and
and now with the u.s elections and i
hope i can speak to my
brethren in america uh where it looks
like donald trump is going to be
removed from the white house from the
presidency it's not over yet
the election won't be called until
december 14th the media notwithstanding
but you know it's likely that he will he
will lose again it's not over he could

he could retain
the presidency which uh you know that's
going to be a
real disaster i think uh immediate
disaster if that's the case
but um if he does lose
uh there's 74 million americans that
voted for him that are going to be very
unhappy
and then hopefully brethren do not get
caught up with fear and hatred
i think there is reason to fear uh when
marxists
globalists get in power and what that's
going to do
to the christian life i mean the bible
exhorts us to pray
for our leaders that that we may lead a
peaceful life that we may be able to
preach the gospel
and certainly when the marxists the
globalists get in control
they hate jesus christ and they want to
block any preaching
of christ and so we we may be globally
see a sense of censorship
that we have never seen before but
that's no reason to fear
and that's what colossians is going to
show us that
our whole frame of thinking cannot be so
consumed with this life
that it creates division in the body of
christ
and whether you're whether you're
seduced by marxism
and statism or consumed with
extreme patriotism to the point where
you put that
before brethren in christ either way the
satan
satan has been successful satan loses
and he fails when we keep christ
at the center of our of our ideology

of our way of thinking and our way of living so that's that's exactly what we want to cover today with today's study in in colossians now um in colossians 2 just go back he warned us and or one of the collagens but certainly you know thousands of years later here we are in our modern context facing the same level of syncretism that there are these philosophies that paul got wind were influencing colossi and so he wrote to them urgently to say do not be seduced this will shipwreck you and and here today we see the same kind of syncretism of these ideologies creeping into the church and brethren becoming very passionate about these these these syncretistic ideologies mixed up with christ it kind of sounds religious but it's not at all uh to do with the covenant people so he says here beware be aware take heed lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit and that's where i opened up with this whole phenomenon of black lives matter and brethren getting caught up with this and the founders saying we are very sophisticated in in our understanding of of marxist ideology we are trained marxists and i think a lot of us we don't study history we don't know what marxism even is and what it means and the devastation that it's had on humanity and how evil it is and we think we can mix it with christ but paul warns here don't allow vain deceit

that they're speaking into your vanity
and you're getting caught up oh yes i'm
important
my life matters this is they're speaking
into our vanity
and this is philosophy and we can be
spoiled we can be shipwrecked we can be
destroyed
by these philosophies these philosophies
enter into our minds
and then they drive our behavior after
the tradition of men
after the rudiments of the world and not
after christ so there's a very clear
distinction
between what's going on in the world and
what should be happening
in the church with christ then in verse
20 he says
wherefore if you be dead with christ
from the rudiments of the world
why as though living in the world are
you subject to ordinances
so in this case he's pointing out a very
clear contradiction he wants to put it
in the face of the colossians you're
contradicting yourselves
on the one hand you've been baptized and
you claim to be dead in christ
and at the same time your you're um
so caught up in the ordinances of the
world
and fighting for the ordinances you
don't don't you see the contradiction
and and the same could be said of us in
this time of incredible
incredible divisiveness in the western
world particularly but all around the
world this is satan's work
and this is satan's world and it's to
divide us one from another
but but the church should be immune to
this
the church should be immune to this

because we are so
consumed with jesus christ and what he
means to us
and his purposes that these purposes
of satan and the world we should be
immune to
but many of us unfortunately are so un
caught up and seduced by these things
that we are now prioritizing them
over christ and prioritizing them over
the body of christ
our rhetoric notwithstanding so all of
that brings us now to chapter three
of colossians
he now pivots so he's dealt with the
philosophical underpinnings of their
seduction
he now pivots to their behavior because
doctrine drives behavior
if you get the doctrine wrong your
behavior will be wrong
get the doctrine right you can move to
proper
christian conduct and unfortunately
for many of us we're slipping away uh
we're slipping away from proper
christian conduct
we've got to we've got to strive and
fight
for this faith if you then be risen with
christ so he's established you're dead
with christ
why are you fighting for the world so if
you then be risen with christ
seek those things which are above
where christ sits on the right hand of
god and i think if
america does go the way of the
globalists
and and christians come under
significant persecution
and censorship uh so what
i mean i don't want to sound flippant
but this is this is

our lot in life and this is the time now
we have to be
so serious if america goes down america
loses her
her uh freedom and her her place in the
world
it is going to have a devastating impact
on those who are in christ and the bible
warns us to pray for our king so that we
can live
a quiet life and be able to preach the
gospel but if that's lost to us
this becomes really critical now and i
really think that
many of us are not ready for what's
coming many of us have no idea
what's coming and we're not ready and
when the this intense persecution begins
many are going to be caught off guard
many are not rooted grounded and
established in this truth
and so this whole idea of falling victim
to syncretism
and falling victim to false philosophies
and
clearly in colossi there were many not
just one particular thing there were
many
and they were being syncretized in with
christ same thing is happening to us
today
and once that infection gets in it
weakens our spine
and once the persecution begins we can't
stand it
so if you then be risen with christ seek
those things which are above
where christ sits on the right hand of
god
and that's got to be critical to us that
we know that he sits on the right hand
of god
in fact he himself said that when he was
on earth in matthew 22 and verse 42 he

says
i'm saying what think you of christ
whose son is he
they said unto him the son of david he
says unto them how then does david in
spirit
call him lord saying the lord said unto
my lord
sit you on my right hand. so so
david prophesied that christ
as the son of david would sit on the
right hand of god
and now he's reasoning with them and
saying well how is this that david calls
him lord
but notice that that the lord says to my
lord
sit you on my right hand until i make
your enemies
your footstool so now when paul says hey
you know seek those things which are
above
and christ he says that christ sits
on the right hand of god well to the
christian
who understands the teaching of christ
that he's sitting
on the right hand of god until he makes
all his enemies his footstool so this is
our victory
regardless of what happens on earth we
know that christ is in heaven
and he's sitting on the right hand of
god until
all his enemies are made his footstool
so as powerful as men
appear to be we know that there is no
power there's no principality
above christ and so we can have
confidence in christ
in revelation 22 and verse 7 he says
behold
i come quickly so even though he's in
heaven

the christian knows he's coming quickly
behold i come quickly
blessed is he that keeps the sayings of
the prophecy of this book
and so we've got to be in the book of
revelation reading rereading
staying well versed in the unfolding
of god's plan and remaining confident in
it
regardless of what's happening here on
earth and
you know if 2020 has shown us anything
as it comes to a close
uh be ready for anything 2020 has been
a year of surprises uh 2021 offers to be
far worse you know every year happy new
year happy new year
we are declining rapidly but the
christian can face all of this because
we know that the lord comes quickly
blessed is he that keeps the sayings of
the prophecy of this book so this is our
priority
to hold on to these teachings and then
in verse 12 he says and behold
i come quickly and my reward is with me
to give every man according as his work
shall be
so what is our work and is it truly the
work of of christ
or are we getting caught up
in the ordinances of this world and
following the people of this world
to the detriment of the unity in christ
verse 2 of colossians 3 he says set your
affection
on things above not on things on earth
so this is the time brethren for us to
really be immersed in the words of god
and really focused on the things of god
and and you know
our heart is in this we really are it's
like all day every day we're just
constantly thinking of this it's almost

like an obsession in a way
in a positive way that we are obsessed
with christ
this is this amazing man who
god who became man and walked on the
earth and taught his disciples and
dropped these beautiful teachings
and now expects us to follow them and
we're just we're just amazed by these
teachings
and our affection is set on what's
coming he's in heaven
his reward is with him he's coming to
establish the kingdom of god
and this is where our affection is it's
not in fact
on the things of this world he says
the reason we should do this is because
you are dead
and your life is hid with christ
in god so i'm here in the uk
supporting my family as we mourn the
loss of my wife's father
and you know we saw him before he was
buried
and he was dead and you know the way
our society is structured now we don't
see many dead bodies that often i think
you know that's going to change soon
we see dead bodies everywhere soon
according to the prophecies
but right now we don't see dead bodies
that often
but when you look at a dead body i mean
my father-in-law was there i could see
him that that
that's that was the man but he wasn't
there
he was dead he looked looked like he was
just sleeping
breathing but he was dead there was no
life in him
and and the scripture says we are dead
we're dead but we're not really

we should be but when you see christians
fight him fighting each other for this
for things of this world for men of this
world then we're not dead
we're not dead in christ dead is
lifeless dead means there's no life
there
so one thing happens this way or it
happens that way
we're good either way because we're dead
to this world
and our life is hid with christ
that's where our life is i appear dead
right now
because my life is hidden with christ
who's sitting on the right hand of god
and then he says in verse 4 when christ
who is our life
shall appear then shall you also appear
with him in glory
so we appear dead right now people don't
really take notice notice of us
but something is happening something is
being built something is being
established in us
and when christ appears then suddenly
everybody's going to live like wow
there's the real life
look how powerful these these people are
we didn't even notice them on the earth
because we were dead on the earth i
think we have to be very clear what does
it mean to be dead in christ
and what does it mean that our life is
hidden with him
and it shall appear when he appears
in glory and many when christ appears
many will be horrified
they'll be terrified we will be
glorified
when he appears we're looking forward to
his appearing in second timothy
4 and verse 8 the apostle paul says
henceforth there is laid up for me a

crown of righteousness
which the lord the righteous judge shall
give me at that day
and not to me only but unto all them
also that love is appearing so paul
was dead to this world he was dead to
this world and that's why he kept
looking forward to christ in any
persecution any suffering any
afflictions
that he faced in this life he just took
it on the chair
because his he kept looking for the
finish line with christ
and and we have to ask ourselves very
very
forcefully in our private meditations
are we looking for the finish line is
our heart is our affection really set on
things above
or are we caught up with this life
back to colossians 3 verse 5 because we
are now
focused on our life in christ and we're
dead to this world
that that right doctrine of not allowing
these
synchro synchrotistic ideas to creep
into the church and seduce us with these
vain deceits and philosophies of men
we're not we've got to root that out and
if we get the right
perspective if we have the right
doctrine the right behavior
will follow so he says mortify
therefore your members which are upon
earth
so so if we're dead then we have to kill
our members which are upon the earth
fornication uncleanness
inordinate affection evil concupiscence
covetousness which is idolatry so
all of these are sexually immoral sins
all of them are derivatives of

covetousness
of not being satisfied with what god has
given us
whether we're single or married you know
divorced widowed whatever state we're in
to be there with content but what the
devil wants is for us to be
not content and to be constantly looking
for something else
even if it belongs to somebody else and
so all of these things
are covetousness and covetousness
is idolatry that instead of having
christ
as the center of our life and the head
of our our
of of the church we are replacing the
head
with something else we're disobeying the
head and having something else as the
head
and and for many of us it's this this
statism
which is creeping into the world now
where where the government
becomes god and and you know i
like to say there's a uh sharia
in islam if you study islam you study
sharia every single
aspect of the human life everything
is governed by the state
so that's that's religious sharia and
and what we're entering to into the west
now
is secular sharia
it's the same sharia it's the same
absolute control
over every aspect of the human life that
we can just tell you anything and you
have to do it
uh regardless we are the highest
authority in your life
and this is what people don't understand
that we're falling into as we fall into

these marxist
ideologies but for them
they want to control everything and in
controlling everything abortion is fine
transgenderism is fine having your child
mutilate their genitals to become the
opposite gender that's fine
any sort of sexual immorality that's all
fine what's not fine
is assembling for religious observance
no no you can't have that that
we rule against that and so this this is
idolatry
when you're you're removing christ as
the head and putting something else as
your god
and following something else as your god
and and that's clearly what what the
apostle is showing us here
that all of these sexual sins and it
goes back to the garden of eden in fact
that true proper sexuality
honors god it honors christ it reflects
the relationship of christ and the
church and it foreshadows
what is coming with christ in the church
any other form of sexual activity
is idolatry any other form of sexual
activity
worships the devil and unfortunately in
our
world now we're seeing so much again
both with both forms of sharia
so much of pedophilia this is
just sickening who would harm
children this way but all of this is
devil worship
in ephesians 5 and i just want to
constantly
show us that to better to best
understand colossians
we need to couple it with ephesians that
these these letters were basically
written

at the same time and so paul is not saying something totally different to the colossians although he didn't have a relationship with the church of colossi what he's teaching them is very similar to what he's teaching the ephesians and certainly last chapter chapter two there's some passages there that could be misinterpreted but when you read it alongside ephesians it becomes clear okay he's not saying that it's very clear what he he is saying in terms of joining the commonwealth of israel so here in ephesians 2 he says and walk in love so so don't walk in in idolatry walk in love as christ also has loved us and has given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to god for a sweet smelling savor but fornication and all cleanness uncleanness or covetousness let it not be once named among you as becomes saint saints so you can see this it's the same teaching these things matter and and in ephesians he establishes doctrine first and then he shifts to behavior we're seeing the same thing here in colossians the first two chapters he's established in doctrine the next two chapters he's pivoting to behavior so the same thing get get these sexual immoral sins out these things should never be mentioned among the saints of god back to colossians 3 verse 6 for which things sake don't mess around with this brethren don't allow anybody to fool you to think

that oh yeah christ is so tolerant of
everything everything's good
christ is this big teddy bear cuddly
teddy bear
we can do whatever we like don't don't
don't do that brother
these things matter we cannot we cannot
have tolerance of these things
in the church and it's so unfortunate
uh that we don't have more brethren
and and ministers as well and deacons
standing against these immoral acts
as they creep into the church you see
women coming into the church half naked
uh you know women coming to sabbath
services wearing leggings and plunging
necklines and
these things are wrong brethren so maybe
nobody
else will say it i'll say it these
things are wrong
and they leave men to have wrong
thoughts and they lead to
poor interactions suboptimal
interactions between men and women
and they lead to covetousness which is
idolatry
so he says for which things sake the
wrath of god
comes on the children of disobedience
this is new testament
oh the old testament is such a wrath no
this is new testament
for which things sake it's because of
these things that the wrath of god
comes on the children of disobedience
what did he say to ephesus
let no man deceive you with vain words
for because of these things comes the
wrath of god
upon the children of disobedience
very clear very very clear same teaching
he says in verse 7 of ephesians 5 be
not you therefore partakers with them

change your behavior
don't don't think you're in christ you
can do whatever you like change your
behavior repent of these things
expunge these things from the church
and from your life back to colossians 3
verse 7
in the which you also walked some time
when you lived in them so this is where
you're coming from
i understand you're coming from this get
rid of it don't don't carry it over into
the church
what did he say to ephesus for ephesians
5 verse 8
for you were sometimes darkness but now
are you light in the lord
walk as children of light you can see
the absolute parallel
between these two letters colossians 3
and verse 8
but now you also put off all these
anger wrath malice blasphemy filthy
communication out of your mouth so first
we're dealing with these
um sexual perversions which our
societies are just just filled with it
just
filled with it i feel sorry for children
growing up in this world today
you know the state becomes god and the
state just
revels in this horrible perversity and
so they're constantly lowering standards
lowering standards lowering standards
while they play all we uh we believe in
equality and all of this nonsense
they hate god and and christians should
be very very clear
men hate god men without the holy spirit
hate god
we cannot put our trust or faith in them
in any of them
only in christ so first he deals with

the sexual perversity
and says all of that is covetousness any
any trace of it is covetousness which is
idolatry or it's rooted in covetousness
which is idolatry now he's speaking of
these other
sins and vices anger wrath
malice blasphemy filthy communication
all these things are what's coming out
of the mouth
he's telling us get rid of these things
and so as we are growing in christ
how we speak is a reflection of our
heart
and that should also be growing in
christ
in ephesians he says that you put off
concerning the former conversation or
conduct the old man
which is corrupt according to the
deceitful loss so
same thing he's saying you know now put
off these same thing he said to
ephesians put off
the former behavior now back to
colossians 3 and verse 9
lie not one to another so what's coming
out of our mouth is what he's focusing
on now and don't lie to each other
seeing that you have put off the old man
with his deeds
so don't lie don't don't speak what you
know is false
this is what this is what the devil does
this is what the devil introduced
into the universe don't do this
and and don't speak of untrue
philosophies into the church don't bring
your false ideologies
into the church that is to lie to the
brethren
speak the word of god lie not one to
another seeing that you have put off the
old man with his deeds so put off these

things and then make sure you do not lie
one to another in ephesians 4 25 he says
wherefore putting away lying speak every
man truth with his neighbor
for we are members one of another verse
22

of ephesians 4 that you put off
concerning the former conduct the old
man which is corrupt according to the
deceitful loss
so you can constantly see this this
parallel between
what he's writing to the ephesians and
what he's writing to
the brethren and colossi although he
doesn't know the brethren of colossi and
maybe he's a little bit more
delicate in how he frames everything
with them it's this exact same
message um colossians 3 and verse 10
and have put on the new man which is
renewed
in knowledge there it is again in in
chapters one and two he kept
emphasizing the central role of
knowledge and again many christians want
to downplay
knowledge so that they can downplay
teachers and then they want to position
themselves as teachers even though they
say knowledge isn't important it's all
about praise and it's all about emotion
here this this as we read this letter we
realized just how critical
it was to paul that the brethren grow in
knowledge
in the right knowledge and put off false
knowledge so that the right knowledge
would lead to the right behavior
he says and you've put on the new man
which is renewed in knowledge
after the image of him that created him
so it's
all about christ and as we focus on

christ
our knowledge our grace and knowledge
grows but it's knowledge of christ the
knowledge in christ
that is being renewed that's how they
that that's how the um
the new man is is that's how we grow the
new man is renewed
in knowledge then he says this and this
is very important for our time
verse 11 where there is neither greek
nor jew
circumcision nor uncircumcision
barbarian
scythian bond nor free but christ is
all and in all and so all of these
false ideologies are leading to
displacing christ and then once christ
is displaced
that leads to divisiveness
if we keep christ as the central
authority of our lives and of the church
the head of the church
and we are we are we continue to be
overwhelmed by his glory
and focused on his glory we don't have
time for nonsense
we don't have time for distractions we
stay focused on christ and on the finish
line that he's called us to
and then we're one body we are one body
and we don't allow these false
ideologies it's terrible
and and you know four years ago i warned
the church this black lives matter thing
stay away it's evil
stay away from it i warned the church
and still we didn't listen
and it's grieved it's grievous to me
didn't listen and now this divisiveness
over race
uh we've fallen victim to this well no
there's
there's no black or white bond nor free

male nor female we're one in christ we
have one calling
in christ and we should be so focused on
that everything else pales
into insignificance in verse 12 he says
put on therefore
as the elect of god understand who you
are what you've been grafted into
put on there for as the elect of god
part of the covenant community now
holy and beloved vows of mercies
kindness humbleness of mind meekness
long suffering
this is the way we should be with one
another this this this
is how we can't be taking up causes of
the world and bringing that into the
church
and being angry because of these
ideologies
no we need to push these out of the
church
and with each other we're just very
patient we're merciful
we're kind to one another we're humble
we're
we're long-suffering forbearing one
another
and forgiving one another if any man
have a quarrel against evan any
even as christ forgave you also do you
that's the exact teaching of jesus
christ to us
that how can we expect forgiveness if
we're not going to forgive forgive
others
if we don't forgive those who trespass
against us how can we expect
uh god to forgive us as we trespass
against him
so so notice the language we have to
forebear
even though we're all in christ we're
all different and and there there are

certain personality types that may stress other personality types but that's okay because we're so clear on what we're a part of as the elect of god that we forbid one another and we're quick to forgive one another notice what he says in ephesians the exact parallel of teachings ephesians 4 and verse 22 with all lowliness and meekness with long suffering for bearing one another in love exact same teachings and in fact as i'm reading this for bearing one another in love many years ago when we started the burlington congregation pastor murray gave a sermon and i forget the exact name of it i think it might have even just been called one another and he went through the new testament teachings and identified for us how many teachings there were focused on one and it was such an impactful sermon i think it helped to define the culture of the burlington congregation as he showed all the things that we should be doing with and for one another and all the things that we should not be doing uh to one another and and it was quite enlightening it was to really struck me because i'd never heard that before and as i say i think it helped define the culture of the burlington congregation but there are many many teachings on how we as a body in christ should treat one another and how we should not treat one another because again of the very clear central

role of christ
in the life of the church so so very
clear
parallels and teachings between
ephesians and colossians
chapter 3 verse 14 and above all these
things
put on agape this is really critical
the central role of agape because the
prophecy says
that in the last days the agape will run
cold
that christians will give up and they'll
lose this agape
and and then so this is we're already
seeing hints of it
so above all these things put on agape
which is the bond
of perfectness and let the peace of god
rule in your hearts and again i'm quite
struck
or stricken by the fearfulness and the
anxiety
that is in our world today by the
constant
news media just constantly feeding this
anxiety over what
over a virus with a 99 recovery rate
unbelievable over a virus that they told
us was gonna have a four percent death
rate
and actually has a death rate of a
fraction of one percent
and yet we're still in this state of
heightened hysteria
and in the state of heightened hysteria
all kinds of legislation
can be passed and we'll agree to it and
our freedom is taken away from us and we
agree to it because we're in this
constant state of fear of fearfulness
but the christians should be different
let the peace of god
so there's a choice between as i opened

in my opening comments
uh the society that's filled with fear
and hate
fear and hate fear and hate
the question is peace and love peace
and love let the peace of god rule in
your hearts
to the which also you are called in one
body
and be you thankful so this this peace
it should rule in our hearts
realizing as well that we're called into
one body and the church should be
peaceful with each other and grateful
in ephesians 4 and verse 3 he says
endeavoring to keep
the unity of the spirit in the bond of
peace
same teaching there is one body same
teaching
and one spirit even as you are called in
one hope
of your calling so there should be peace
in the church
in colossians 3 and verse 16 he says let
the word of christ dwell in you richly
in all wisdom there it is again the
central role the importance the critical
role of knowledge
and therefore teachers in the body of
christ
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 so there's this sense of gratitude
and taking the word of god and exhorting
one another building each other up
with the word of god ephesians 5 19
same teaching speaking to yourselves in
psalms
and hymns and spiritual songs singing
and making melody

in your heart to the lord and again even
though the state steps in and says you
mustn't sing
you can talk but if you sing that's
against the law the word of god says we
must always be singing spiritual songs
and hymns
and singing with grace in our hearts to
the lord and making melody in our heart
to the lord
so this wonderful parallel between
colossians
and ephesus
colossians 3 verse 17 and whatsoever you
do
in word or deed do all in the name of
the lord jesus
giving thanks to god and the father
by him so everything that we do we're
just again this
obsession kind of has a negative
connotation but i can't think of a
better word we're consumed with christ
we're obsessed with christ
and everything that we do we're doing in
the name of the lord
even though i'm doing my physical work
here my secular career
i'm doing it in the name of the lord
jesus serving my customers as if
i'm serving jesus or you're serving your
management as if you're serving jesus
because we see past all of this and we
constantly have our eye
on the finish line verse 18 of
colossians 3
wives submit yourselves unto your
own husbands it doesn't say women submit
to men
wives submit yourselves unto your own
husbands
as is fit in the lord husbands
love your wives and be not bitter
against them i think you can you already

hear
ephesians because most of us do not as
if i was just to read
this passage and say what what what book
is this i think every 99
of us would say maybe 100 of us would
say ephesians
yeah there's a real parallel between
what he taught ephesus
and what he taught colossal wives submit
yourselves to your own husbands
as is fit in the lord so again when
we're dealing with these false doctrines
these false ideologies
paul brings it back to proper
understanding
leads to proper behavior so
again if you look at this movement of
black lives matter and how it wants to
destroy
patriarchy how there's no place
in the ideology for the black
heterosexual male and certainly if
there's no place for the black
heterosexual male there's certainly no
place for the white heterosexual male
and there's no place for for for god
ordained marriage
but christ but but christ's teachings
when we get the right teachings
it comes back to our behavior get rid of
all this sexual immorality
get rid of the sins of the tongue and
establish ourselves in a right
understanding and right behavior in our
marriage establish our marriages
and so same teaching to ephesus same
teaching to colossae
so how is how how is your marriage how
is my marriage
how how are we treating our wives man
and wives how are we
submitting to our husbands our own
husbands

because this this is like so important
to the teaching here that there's a
level of understanding if we're on the
cardinal level oh that sounds horrible
but if we can move and elevate our
thinking
to christ-level thinking then we
understand exactly why this is so
important
wives submit yourselves to your own
husbands as is appropriate in the lord
husbands love your wives and do not be
bitter against them
children obey your parents in all things
for this is well pleasing unto the lord
fathers provoke not your children to
anger lest they be
discouraged servants obey in all things
your masters according to the flesh
not with eye service as men pleasers but
in singleness of heart
fear and god all of this we can hear
ephesians 5 and 6
echoing in our minds and whatsoever you
do
do it heartily as to the lord and not
unto men again same teaching to ephesus
knowing that of the lord you shall
receive the reward
of the inheritance for you serve the
lord christ
and he's coming quickly with his reward
and he's going to reward all of us
according to our works
and our works doesn't just mean our
religious works he says
serve you know what's whatever you do do
it harshly as to the lord
and not unto men so what we do on our
day
day-to-day secular lives our carnal
lives
we do it to christ so that christ is
constantly central

in our lives knowing that of the lord
you shall receive the reward of the
inheritance
for you serve the lord christ but he
that does wrong shall receive for the
wrong which he has done
and there is no respect of persons wait
a minute i thought that works don't
matter
i thought that now that we're in christ
we can do whatever we want
and christ forgives everything that
doesn't seem to be
the teaching of of the apostle paul as
he tries to establish
right doctrine in ephesus and colossa
but he that does wrong shall receive
for the wrong which he has done and
there is no respect of persons
don't don't think that on that day we
can say oh but lord
i i'm an elder oh but lord i i'm i
believe in christ
no for these things the wrath of god
comes upon
the earth masters chapter 4 verse 1
give unto your servants that which is
just and equal
knowing that you also have a master in
heaven so same thing that in ephesians
that
how human brains how human minds
interact with each other
whether it's husband and wife parents
and children
employers and employees there's this
constant interaction between human minds
where you know one may be in a more
dominant role
but there's unity and there's love and
there's caring
and the marxist karl marx couldn't get
his head around this
it's all about destroying any sort of

power power lines
and we're all equal but there's always
power lines
and when we say oh we're all equal
destroy all destroy the patriarchy and
let's do whatever we want
and then yeah we end up doing whatever
we want those in power
end up doing whatever they want and the
whole thing was a hoax
and we fell for it so he says
a master is given to your servants that
which is just and equal
knowing that you also have a master in
heaven and you masters do the same thing
sorry this is ephesians 6 now i didn't
read ephesians 5 and 6 about the family
relationships i think we're all very
familiar with that
but many times we miss that paul taught
ephesus about employers and employees
and here in ephesians 6 and verse 9 and
you masters do the same things unto them
forbearing threatening knowing that your
master also is in heaven
neither is their respective persons with
him so the exact same teachings in
colossians 4 verse 1 knowing that you
have a master in heaven let that control
and govern
how you lead colossians 4 verse 2
continue in prayer and watching the same
with thanksgiving so again as this world
around us is rapidly
unraveling and i think as america loses
its
its dominance in the world it's going to
be a very different world for us
and so we must continue in prayer and
watching the same watch in prayer
with thanksgiving in ephesians 6 and
verse 18 he says praying always with all
prayer and supplication in the spirit
watching there unto with all

perseverance and supplication
for all saints so same same teaching
colossians 4 verse 4 that i may make it
manifest
as i ought to speak so you keep praying
and pray so that
the word the gospel can be preached and
that's why we pray for kings not because
we like this king or that king
but we look at the policies and we look
at what they're trying to do when we see
is this going to help us preach the
gospel or is this going to interfere
with our preaching of the gospel and
then we pray so that those who have
the the courage or and and the
calling and and that role to preach the
gospel that the gospel can be preached
the world needs to hear the gospel of
christ
certainly judah and israel need to hear
the good news that god has for them
so we pray that paul in this case the
the the arm or the body of christ that
does the preaching may make it obvious
as
as i ought to speak in ephesians 6 19
he asked them to pray he says and pray
for me that utterance may be given unto
me
and that i may open my mouth boldly to
make known the mystery of the gospel
so i think we have to just really and
i'm really emphasizing
the parallel with ephesus
because there's so much here in
colossians that if you go and study
the letter to the ephesians it's going
to make what paul is saying to
colossi so much more clear and we did do
during the feast of tabernacles the book
of
ephesians so if you missed that i'd
encourage you to go into the archive

and and study that book there's so much
there and
when you study ephesians and you come to
colossians it's like
wow he's saying the same thing and it's
just so much clearer
how he's using proper doctrinal
understanding
to withstand the the influence of the
principalities and powers
through their philosophies and vain
deceits in colossians 4 verse 5 he says
walk in wisdom toward them that are
without
redeeming the time so we should be
leading them by our example not
following their bad examples and so as
we interact with those
certainly there's a way that we interact
with each other in the church and he
gave us those instructions but also as
we interact with those
outside of the church that we must walk
in wisdom toward them and redeeming the
time
in ephesians 4 and verse 1 he says i
therefore the prisoner of the lord beg
you
that you walk worthy of the vocation
wherewith you are called
so there's a way that we have to walk
which is appropriate
to this calling colossians 4 and verse 6
let your speech be always with grace
always with grace
seasoned with salt that you may know how
you ought to answer
every man and that's certainly coming we
have to have we need to be growing in
knowledge and know what we're talking
about
and know how to answer every man and
warn every man
then he's now closing the letter in

ephesians 4 verse 7 he says
all my state shall typicas declare unto
you
who is a beloved brother and a faithful
minister and a fellow servant in the
lord
so he is certainly letting him know that
tychicus is going to come unto you he's
going to share these
letters with you he's going to also let
you know
what my state of affairs is and i want
you to know this is one of the men you
can trust
not everybody but this is one you can
trust
in second timothy second timothy 1 and
verse 15
he says this you know that all they
which are in asia be turned away from me
of whom are figalis and
homogeneity so you know
when he calls out tychicus to say this
is a faithful man
that's high praise indeed because it was
a time of crisis
and many were turning away and we've got
to be established and to know
that through the holy spirit god will
always give
us faithful men faithful teachers
colossians 4 and verse 8 uh speaking of
tychicus
whom i have sent unto you for the same
purpose that he might know your estate
and comfort your heart so he's going to
let you know how i'm doing
but he also wants to see how you're
doing and he can
relay that back to me but he's also
going to comfort you as well
then in verse 9 with onyssimus and we
did the study on
philemon so if you missed that that's in

the archive as well
uh all about really focused on the
relationship of
nissimus and philemon and the impact of
that on the congregation
uh and so titicus is coming and he's
with on on nissimus so paul is sending
on
elizabeth back to colossi with onyssimus
a faithful and beloved
brother who is one of you he comes from
your congregation i'm sending him back
to you
i want you to know he's a faithful and
beloved brother
they shall make known unto you all
things which are done here
so they didn't have twitter and facebook
and
all this social media that we have today
and so
this is how news had to spread and who
knows
in this world of great technological
advances
maybe we'll have to go back to this sort
of communication
where we have to have rely on certain
brethren as they're traveling
to relay to other brethren the state of
affairs
because we are we are cut off from these
platforms
in philemon 10 he says i beg you for my
son
anissimus whom i have begotten in my
bonds
so that's where omissimus and again we
did the study of philemon already
but although anissimus was part of the
household of
philemon it's not until he was with paul
that he was actually converted
and now he's being sent back to colossae

verse 10. aristarchus
aristarchus my fellow prisoner salutes
you
so clearly he's in prison with paul and
marcus
sister son to barnabas touching whom you
received commandments
if he come unto you receive him
and yesu which is called justice
or jesus which is called justice uh
who are of the circumcision these
only are my fellow workers unto the
kingdom of god which have been a comfort
unto me so paul is
very very concerned with false teaching
and false teachers and false ideologies
and syncretism
being mixed up in the in the
congregation so he's he's
calling out the men that can be trusted
and then um with these men here he says
these only are my fellow workers don't
don't anybody else coming to you i don't
endorse them these only are my fellow
workers unto the kingdom of god
which has been a comfort unto me so
these are true
brethren through teachers epaphras
who is one of you so he comes from the
colossian congregation
a servant of christ salutes you always
laboring
fervently for you in prayers he's really
truly
supporting you he's constantly praying
for you that you may stand perfect
and complete in all the will of god
which cannot be taken for granted
and brethren we cannot take this for
granted this is something we have to
strive for
it's something we have to pray for we
need to be praying for one another
that we may stand perfect and complete

in all the will of god satan is trying
to pull us away from that
for i bear him record that he has a
great zeal for you this this man
loves you and i i'm going to bear him
record he has a great deal for you
and let them and so he has a great deal
for you and them that are in laodicea
and then in hieropolis so these are
different congregations that epaphras
has served and he certainly has a great
love for them
and praying for them and of course we
know the brethren at laodicea
to be in the book of revelation one of
the seven congregations
in revelation that was in great trouble
and
here he's praying this epaphras is
praying constantly fervently laboring
for them
in prayers they may they may stand
perfect and complete
in all the will of god not to be taken
for granted
in fact when christ writes to laodicea
he upgrades them and he really
challenges them to get their act
together because they're about to lose
everything
and and so you know colossae and
laodicea seem to have similar issues
and so whatever was happening colossi
that seems to give us some insight into
what was going on
in laodicea as well so there must be
some creeping of syncretism and false
philosophies getting into
laodicea uh and he is uh epaphras has
such great zeal
for colossi for laodicea and for
hierapolis
the beloved physician and demas greet
you

salute the brethren which are in
laodicea so these are
sister congregations and it's amazing
today these are
cities that are in what we call turkey
today called asia
back in paul's day but turkey today
and certainly the islamic
hordes moved in and slaughtered and
destroyed and forcefully converted
all of these cities to islam
and so hopefully
well we know that there's always a
faithful remnant
these brethren would have been martyred
and but they would have been martyred
faithfully
and now looking forward to the
resurrection she says here salute the
brethren which are in laodicea
and nymphaes and the church which is in
his house
and when this epistle is read among you
this is where i said the issues that are
going on here in
colossi with syncretism give us an
indication of what was going on in
laodicea
and when christ writes to laodicea he
agrees that he warns them very
strongly to repent but so we can get a
hint of some
insight into what was happening there
from what's happening here in colossae
because he says when this epistle is
read among you
cause that it be read also in the church
of the laodiceans
and that you likewise read the epistle
from laodicea so whatever was written
to laodicea by paul he wants that read
in colossae as well so as much as this
letter to colossae gives us some
insight into what was going on in

tallahassee when christ sends his
epistle
to laodicea that would also give us some
indication then of how things fared
for the brethren in colossi
verse 17 and say to archipelas
take heed to the ministry which you've
received in the lord
that you fulfill it so he doesn't say
that archippus
is one of these that you can absolutely
be confident in so archipelas is a
minister there
and he says to him publicly you take
heed to the ministry which you've
received in the lord that you fulfill it
so that certainly is a very serious
warning to the minister here archivists
the salutation by the hand of me paul
remember my bonds so i'm in prison don't
forget me
pray for me remember my bonds grace be
with you
amen and so that was written by paul
the apostle paul as one of the prison
epistles uh and with that actually we've
completed
all of the prison epistles the first one
we did some four or five years ago
was uh philippi we did philemon
we've done ephesians and we've done
colossi
those are the four prison epistles all
written
more or less around the same time by the
apostle paul
when he was under house arrest so
it's amazing how satan thought that he
was doing well
by persecuting paul by imprisoning paul
and all he was doing was furthering
paul's understanding
deepening his insights and giving him
the time

to translate this deep understanding
that he had into letters
and then to send these letters out to
the congregations and then for these
letters to be canonized
and here we are thousands of years later
facing the very same issues
that we can now be edified and
instructed
by the apostle paul and what to do in
the face
of syncretism so brethren i hope you
found this study helpful
and god willing we'll be back i'll be
back on the eastern time zone
next week and we can have a bit of a
live
q a and then god willing will get back
into the book of psalms god bless you
brother
you