

Sermon Notes

Do & Say What the Lord Wants which Is a Way of Delivering Thanks to God

Colossians 3:15-17

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

3:15 The peace of Christ should umpire in your hearts.

You were called to peace in one body, the church.

Christ has called each us not just into relationship with Himself, but to be part of His group, His one body, His church.

We are supposed to participate in His church, in relationships with other Christians, and not easily walk away from those relationships.

And you should come to be thankful.

If we are thankful to God for all He has done for us, we will work to maintain relationships in the family of God, in peace.

3:16 The word of Christ should richly dwell in you, teaching and admonishing one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Part of the way the word comes to reside in us individually, is by it residing among us corporately, among the church.

We are to teach and counsel one another how to live and how not to live, based on Christ's word.

We are to gather as the church and sing various things that are in accord with the word of Christ.

If you are grateful to God for what He has done for you, you should sing to Him. This is also speaking truth to one another.

3:17 Everything you say or do, say or do what Jesus wants, as a representative of Jesus. This delivers thanks to God the Father, which Jesus wants.

Thanks to God is to characterize our whole lives, and motivate our behavior.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Suggested related reading: Ephesians 2:14-15, 4:1-3, 5:19-20

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