



His Preeminence ...Your Purity!

Colossians 3:15-17

- ▶ Jesus is #1 – 1:17-19; 2:3
- ▶ Advice – Receive Jesus & walk in Him – 2:6-7
- ▶ Why? He is everything & you will find all fulfillment in Him – 2:9-10a
- ▶ How can I live such a life that is saturated with Jesus Christ?

- 1) Reason for Your Purity v. 9b-11
- 2) Atmosphere for Your Purity v. 12a, 13
- 3) Description of Your Purity v. 5-14
- 3) Principles Producing Purity v. 15-17

B.L.U.F. (bottom line up front) – Jesus' preeminence will show in your purity!

1. Does it Leave your Heart at Peace with God? v. 15

"rule" = be umpire (an athletic term)

This peace not only refers to individual peace, individual tranquility of heart but also extends to peace among the members of the body in relationship to each other.

"Oneness of body being the sphere and element in which that peace of Christ was to be carried on and realized." — Alford

"Disunion in the body is incompatible with the peace of the individual members." — Expositors

2. Does it Clear the Word of God? v. 16

- 1) Value of the Word
"dwell in" = to live in a home. The Word of God is to feel at home in our heart.
- 2) Sharing the Word
- 3) Acquiring the Word

3. Does it Forward Jesus' Agenda? v. 17

...after all, it is His reputation that is at stake in the lives and conduct of His known followers!



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