

Series Title:

God's Goals for You This Hour, This Day,
This Year. . .

Colossians 3:1-17

God's #1 Goal for us:

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son (Romans 8:29a).

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Goal 3: Become More Like Christ Every Day (Col.3:11-17)

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We are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved (v.12).

II. We Can Live Like God's Special People.

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4. Love will motivate us to forgive one another in the same way that God has forgiven us (v.13b).

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And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. (v.15)

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Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (John 14:27)

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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom.5:1)

2. How does *the peace of Christ* rule in your hearts?

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We are to live in such a way that we maintain the peace of Christ. We make decisions and interact with people in such a way that we stay close to God and experience His peace.

C. Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You
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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (v.16)

"The fellowship of believers is a praising community where people who can sing beautifully, sing beautifully; and those who just sing, just sing; and those who have voices like crows with laryngitis croak to the glory of God. But nobody just sits there like an old sourpuss, looking as if they had lost their last friend, having had their breakfast of onions."

– Stuart Briscoe

D. Let the Name of Christ Guide You (v.17).

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And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (v.17)

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