

## The Three Attributes Of Harmony.

### Colossians 3:15-17

Intro:

- A. The harmony of a New Testament Church is of utmost importance.
  - 1. It is the Body of Christ.
  - 2. It must reflect His character.
- B. Paul has written to this body and has emphasized this truth.
  - 1. Vs. 9 They are to put off the old man with his deeds.
  - 2. Vs. 12-14 They are to put on seven graces.
  - 3. Paul now writes of three things they must pursue or possess.

#### I. The Peace Of God Must Rule Them.

- A. "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts..."
  - 1. "Peace" = ειρηνη = "Rest", "in contrast with strife", "a state of well-being", "undisturbed well-being".
  - 2. "Rule" = Βραβευω = "to be an arbiter in the public games;" "to be the decider".
  - 3. "Let the peace that Christ gives be the factor that makes your decisions..."
- B. "to the which also ye are called in one body..."
  - 1. "Called" = καλεω = "to summon".
  - 2. "that is why you have been called as members of one body."
  - 3. God never calls anyone to disturb or prevent peace from existing and reigning in a church.
- C. "...and be ye thankful."
  - 1. "Thankful" = ευχριστος = This is a thankfulness based upon knowing what God has done for them.
  - 2. "And practice being grateful..."

#### II. The Truth Of Christ Must Dwell.

- A. Vs. 16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom..."
  - 1. "Word" = λογος = "the teachings of Christ".
  - 2. "Dwell" = ενοικεω = "to inhabit", "to make its

home in".

3. "Richly" = πλουσιως = "abundantly".
4. Let Christ's teachings reside in you abundantly as true wisdom..."

B. "teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs..."

1. "Teaching" = διδασκω = "to give instruction".
2. "Admonishing" = νουθετεω = "to put in mind", "to correct one who is at fault".
3. "Psalms" = ψαλμος = The psalms of the O.T. sung to (with) musical accompaniment.
4. "Hymns" = ὕμνος = A song that is a praise to God. A festive song of praise. Originally it referred only to music.
5. "Songs" = ωδη = Any kind of a song.
6. "Spiritual" = πνευματικη = Songs that relate only to spiritual things. The only way to be positive is to judge them by the Spirit's book, the Bible.

C. "...singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

1. "Singing" = αδω = "to sing", "to chant", "to sing in honour", "celebrate in song".
2. "Singing to the Lord with thankful hearts." - Tay
3. We do not sing for others but as we sing to the Lord, others should be instructed.

III. They Must Have The Right Motive.

A. Vs. 17 "And whatever you do in word or deed,"

1. "Word" = λογος = "the spoken word".
2. "Deed" = εργον = "labour", "act", "action".
3. "And everything whatever you do in word or in work..." (of the things above).

B. "...do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..."

1. "all things do in the name of the Lord Jesus..."
2. "...with reference to the Lord Jesus."
3. "...as a representative..." - Wms

C. "...giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

1. "...and through Him continue to give thanks to God the Father." - Wms
2. Give God thanks because He enables us to work and to talk.