

JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-17 | SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

BOTTOM LINE

Because Jesus is King over all and enough for all, Jesus changes everything.

SUMMARY POINTS

1. Jesus changes your focus. (3:1-4)
 - Seek what is above and set your mind where Christ reigns. Jesus is not merely part of your life; Christ is your life. What holds your focus will shape how you live.
2. Jesus changes your behavior. (3:5-11)
 - Put to death what belongs to the old life: sexual sin, greed, anger, malice, harmful speech, and lying. We do not discard these behaviors to earn God's love, but because they no longer fit our new identity in Christ.
3. Jesus changes your virtues. (3:12-14)
 - As God's chosen, holy, and beloved people, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and above all, love. Grace names us before grace transforms us.
4. Jesus changes your community. (3:11-16)
 - Christ forms one body in which old divisions no longer determine worth or belonging. His peace rules among us, his Word dwells richly in us, and grace reshapes how we bear with, forgive, teach, and encourage one another.
5. Jesus changes everything. (3:17)
 - Whatever we do - in word or deed - belongs under the authority of King Jesus. Faith has no spiritual junk drawer marked, 'Not this.'

THE GOSPEL ORDER

Grace first. Identity first. Resurrection first. Then transformation. We do not change everything so Jesus will become our life. Christ is our life; therefore, we learn to live like it.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What has been shaping your focus lately - the throne of Jesus or fear, comparison, outrage, anxiety, success, or approval?
2. What behavior from the old life have you been managing that Jesus is asking you to put to death?
3. Which Christlike virtue do you most need to put on: compassion, kindness, humility, patience, forgiveness, or love?
4. Where does Christ's peace need to rule in one of your relationships or communities?
5. What part of life have you placed in a spiritual "junk drawer" and kept outside Jesus' authority?

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS

- Look at the throne: Begin each day with Colossians 3:1-4 and deliberately reorient your thoughts toward the risen King.
- Take something off: Name one old pattern that no longer fits your identity in Christ. Confess it and establish one concrete boundary.
- Put something on: Choose one virtue from verses 12-14 and practice it intentionally toward a specific person.
- Pursue peace: Take one grace-shaped step toward forgiveness, truth, reconciliation, or a healthy boundary.
- Open the junk drawer: Surrender one withheld area - money, schedule, ambition, relationships, habits, or private life - to Jesus.
- Practice gratitude: Each evening, name three gifts from God and thank him for his grace.

PRAYER

King Jesus, reorient my heart and mind. Put to death what no longer belongs, form your character in me, and let your peace and Word shape my relationships. Reign over every part of my life. Amen.

JESUS DIED. JESUS ROSE. JESUS REIGNS. JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING.