

Colossians

3:18 – 4:18

STUDY 5

Read Colossians 3:18-4:1

In this passage, Paul continues to show the Colossians what **living with Jesus as Lord** will look like in their everyday lives, and so he gives instructions to cover everyone in the family – wives, husbands / dads, and children.

Looking at the one/s that apply to you, do you find them difficult to do?
How can we encourage each other in this?

Do you remember from last week the reason **why** we should be living this way? (Have a re-read of **3:1-4**)



How does that help us when “**living with Jesus as Lord**” in our family situation is tough?

Do you think what Paul has to say about slaves and masters can be applied to our workplace situation?

If so, what principles from Paul’s teaching can be applied to employees and employers?

Do you think this challenges the thought that draws a distinction between “Christian” and “secular” work?

What are the implications of this?

Read Colossians 4:2-6

In light of what Paul has been saying so far...

- Why should we be watchful?
- Why should we be thankful?

What does Paul ask the Colossians to pray for regarding his ministry?

According to Paul, how can each one of us be prepared to talk to people about the faith we have in Jesus?



What practical ways can we be prepared to do this?

Does this challenge (or stretch) your view of evangelism?

Read Colossians 4:7-18

Does Paul's final greeting contain practical examples and reinforce what he has been teaching in this letter? What are they?

What things have you learnt or been reminded of during our time in Colossians?

In what ways have you been challenged through studying Colossians?

If you have time try doing one or both of these together...

- Summarise Paul's key thoughts in the letter.
- Draw a flow chart (mind map) of Paul's argument in the letter.

"So then, just as you **received** Christ
Jesus as Lord, **continue** to live in him"
Colossians 2:6

