

The Practical Ramifications of the Gospel

Colossians 3:18-4:1

A. Context: Death, Life, and Total Transformation (Colossians 3:1-17)

1. In Jesus' death we died to sin and to _____; in His resurrection we have been raised to a completely _____ way of life. (Colossians 3:1-4)
2. If our lives are now in Christ, then we can live _____ from the flesh as our total being is _____ with Jesus. (Galatians 5:16-25, Colossians 3:5-17)

B. If the Gospel has _____ our hearts, then our marriages will spill over with Christ and be _____ different than those of the world. v.18-19

1. The greatest display of _____ humility and obedience that a wife can offer is a life of unconditional honor and _____ of her husband. (Ephesians 5:22-24, 1 Peter 3:1-6)
2. The clearest manifestation of the _____ in a married man is found in the unconditional honor and _____ that he lavishes on his wife. (Ephesians 5:25-33, 1 Peter 3:7, Genesis 3:16)

C. If our lives have been _____ with the Son of God, then we are now enabled to live out His perfect _____ as children and parents. v.20-21

1. In a similar way to wives submitting to their husbands, children can _____ in the Lord's perfect design as they obediently _____ their parents. (Exodus 20:12, 21:15, 17, Proverbs 3:1-2, 11-12, 10:1, Ephesians 6:1-3)
2. Because we now have a perfect Heavenly Father, we as parents (and especially as _____) have the unique and powerful opportunity to _____ His selfless love and guidance to our children. (Genesis 18:19, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Matthew 5:9-11, Ephesians 6:4)

D. If we have found our _____ in Christ, then even our employee/employer relationships will reflect His _____. v.22-4:1

1. Regardless of _____, slaves, servants, and workers are tasked with honoring even the _____ of overseers through diligent and _____ work because they are ultimately serving the Master Messiah. (Ephesians 6:5-8, 1 Timothy 6:1-6, 1 Peter 2:18-25)
2. Employers are to treat those under their authority with the _____ kind of justice and _____ that the Master Messiah has shown them. (Ephesians 6:9, 1 Timothy 6:17-19, James 5:1-9)

E. Is the Gospel _____ the farthest reaches of your existence? Is the Preeminent One _____ Master?

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A.1-self, different, 2-free, infused, B.-penetrated, radically, 1-Christ-like, respect, 2-life of Christ, love, C.-identified, humility, 1-rest, honor, 2-fathers, emulate, D.-all, preeminence, 1-status, worst, excellent, 2-same, goodness, E.-infiltrating, YOUR