

Under the Influence: You Can't Afford Not to Be!

Colossians 3:15

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Introduction:

I. Under the Influence of the Peace of Christ 15a.

“The peace of Christ, the immediate reference here is not to inward peace of the soul, but to peace with one another as the context shows.”
Abbott

“Any interpretation of ..that explains it in terms of inner guidance in non moral decision making is absolutely foreign to the context.” Friesen

A. The IDENTITY of Peace

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:1-13; 1Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27. As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

“The apostle thus wished the Colossians highest spiritual welfare, .. There is no question if a man possessed and cherished the ripe consciousness of his interest in Christ, if he had full assurance, and felt that God was for him..if the

elements of sinful passion, either in its fouler forms of sensuality, or its darker aspects of malignity, were subdued; and if the gentleness of Christ were at home within him, and all the graces which possess a kindred character were around him, bound and held together by that love which is the bond of perfectness that then he would enjoy a peace or bliss second only to the elevation and felicity of heaven." Unknown Commentator

B. The PRIORITY of Peace

C. The NECESSITY of Peace

II. Under the Influence of THANKSGIVING Being the Way of Life 15b

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