

# **A Study of the Epistles of Paul**

## **NT Survey Lesson 128--Colossians 3**

**Introduction:** In chapter three Paul applies the principles of the first two chapters to the Christian's life. If Christ is preeminent and the source of our spiritual perfection, then Christ should be everything to us. We should seek the things above where He is, focusing on his example, his peace, his word and his name.

**Lesson aim:** To encourage each Christian to live a Christ-centered life.

### **Seek the things above where Christ is--Col. 3:1-4**

1. Christians have been raised up with whom? (v. 1) What should this cause them to do?
2. On what should Christians set their minds? (v. 2) Why? (v. 3-4)

### **Lay aside the old self and put on the renewed self--Col. 3:5-14**

1. Make a list of those things to which the members of our bodies should be dead (v. 5). Define each one.
2. Had the Colossians lived in these sins? (v. 6-7) What is God's attitude toward these things?
3. What four manifestations of anger should Christians put aside? (v. 8)
4. How do Christians demonstrate honesty? (v. 9)
5. What should Christians put on? (v. 10) We are being renewed to a true \_\_\_\_\_ according to the image of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Make a list of the things Christians should put on (v. 12-13). Define each one.

## **Christ centered exhortations to faithfulness with gratitude-- Col. 3:15-17**

1. What should rule in the Christian's heart? (v. 15) In what are Christians called?
2. What should richly dwell in the Christian? (v. 16) What will this enable him to do?
3. What should the Christian do in the name of Jesus? (v. 17)

## **Family relations--Col. 3:18-21**

1. What is Paul's exhortation to wives? (v. 18)
2. What exhortations does Paul give to husbands? (v. 19)
3. What are children instructed to do? (v. 20) Why?
4. Of what does Paul warn fathers? (v. 21) Why?

## **The servant's responsibilities--Col. 3:22-25**

1. What are slaves commanded to do? (v. 22) How are they to render this service?
2. Servants are to do their work how? (v. 23-24) As if to whom? Why?
3. What warning does Paul give to servants? (v. 25)