

Colossians 2:16-4:1 WHAT CHRISTIANS WEAR

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2) If You are **SAVED, COMPLETE, and FORGIVEN**, then let no one **JUDGE** your devotion or **CHEAT** you of your reward!

3) Love Jesus and **HOLD ON TIGHT!** Jesus is the one who nourishes and knits us together; Who makes us stronger; Who truly increases our knowledge of God!

4) The "Old Man" is **ME** sitting on the throne of my life! The "New Man" is **CHRIST** in control, sitting on the throne!

5) In Heaven, there is **NO** social distinction between **ANY TWO** children of God!

6) This is a perfect 2-word description of you and me! ...we are **HOLY** and **BELOVED!**

7) Paul completes our wardrobe by reminding us we are members of "**TEAM JESUS!**" ...wear His logo proudly!

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(Colossians 2:6-7, 15; Ephesians 1:4-5)

2) If You are **SAVED, COMPLETE, and FORGIVEN**, then let no one _____ your devotion or _____ you of your reward!

(Matt. 22:36-40; John 13:34-35; Rom 13:10; 2 Cor. 5:14)

3) Love Jesus and _____! Jesus is the one who nourishes and knits us together; Who makes us stronger; Who truly increases our knowledge of God!

(Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 2:20-21)

4) The "Old Man" is _____ sitting on the throne of my life! The "New Man" is _____ in control, sitting on the throne!

5) In Heaven, there is _____ social distinction between _____ children of God!

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(Romans 13:8a; 2 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 5:24)

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That same night they must roast the meat over a fire and eat it along with bitter salad greens and bread made without yeast. ... [11] "These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is the LORD's Passover. [12] On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the LORD! [13] But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt. [14] "This is a day to remember. Each year, from generation to generation, you must celebrate it as a special festival to the LORD. This is a law for all time."

Do you think celebrating this feast today brings us closer to God? Why or why not?

9) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week's message or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of November 5, 2023

MY STORY

- 1) In Colossians 3:18-23, Paul tells us what a Christian home should look like. How would you describe the home you grew up in? (Christian, secular, religious, etc)

QUICK REVIEW

- 2) How would you summarize Colossians 2:16 - 3:25?

- 3) What stood out to you from this passage or Sunday's message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) In Colossians 3:12-17, Paul gave a list of ways we are to be like Christ. Which of the following is most difficult for you right now?

Showing mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering
Bearing with one another, forgiving one another, putting on love, or being thankful?

What are ten things you are thankful for that God has done or blessed you with?

- 5) Colossians 3:15 tells us to *let the peace of God rule in our hearts*. Pastor Don explained that this peace of God can guide or direct us - but that God will never lead us contrary to His Word. How might we apply this verse when seeking God's direction in a big decision today?

What other habits do you have when making a big decision?

Have you experienced God's guiding/direction in your life? If so, how?

- 6) How would you answer the following question from a friend: *"Why do you ignore rules in the Bible like 'Don't eat pork' and 'Don't shave your beard', but you enforce rules like 'Don't have sex outside of heterosexual marriage?'"* (Lev. 11:7, Lev. 19:27, 1 Cor. 6:9-10)

- 7) What do each of the following passages teach you about setting your mind on Christ?

Psalm 119:35-38 - "[35] Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it. [36] Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness. [37] Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way. [38] Establish Your word to Your servant, Who is devoted to fearing You."

Matthew 16:21-23 - "[21] From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. [22] Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" [23] But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.""

How would you teach a child to set their mind on Christ?

In what way(s) are Christians today tempted to lose this focus on Christ?

- 8) Colossians 2:16-17 say that the festivals or sabbaths are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance is in Christ. Read the following passage about the Passover Feast. In what way(s) do you think this feast pointed towards Jesus?

Exodus 12:3, 5-8, 11-14 NLT - "[3] Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household. ... [5] The animal you select must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no defects. [6] "Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight. [7] They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal. [8]